WEATHER.

Local rains Thursday; colder west portion; Friday, fair; colder.

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MANY ITEMS left in stock after the Holidays will go well, if judiciously advertised just now. Clearance sales are popular.

PEACE TERMS WOULD BE STATED ON FIRST DAY OF CONFERENCE

This is Intention of Germany in Event of Meeting of Belligerent Delegates.

EMBASSY MAKES IT CLEAR

American Government Believes Negotiations in Progress Are Resulting in Good.

PRESIDENT STILL HOPEFUL

Will Remain So Until Door to Peace is Definitely Closed.

Washington, Dec. 27. — In spite of the wide gulf between the insistence of the Central Powers for an immediate peace conference and the forecast of a unanimous refusal by the Entente Allies to enter such a conference without knowing Germany's terms in advance, the American government believes that the negotiations in progress are resulting in good. It was said with authority tonight that until the door to peace actually is closed by one side or the other, President Wilson will continue to hope that any discussion of the subject will tend to hasten the end of the war.

Statement From Bernstorff.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, returning unexpectedly tonight from New York, authorized the Associated Press to make the following statement:

"I regard the note of my government as constituting an acceptance of everything suggested by President Wilson in his note to the belligerent nations of Europe."

State Terms at Conference.

It was made clear at the embassy that Germany stands ready to make known her terms on the first day of any conference that may be held and officials expressed themselves as being greatly surprised at the view prevailing in some quarters here that the Berlin government had failed to meet the President's suggestions by not setting down in the reply the terms upon which it is willing to make peace. The German diplomats say President Wilson has no intention of drawing a public declaration concerning terms from the Central Powers. On the contrary they think the President's suggestion "that an early occasion be sought to call out from all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded" has been fully met by Germany in seeking an immediate conference with her enemies.

German Policy Outlined.

Germany feels that the conference suggested by it first should be composed of delegates from the belligerent countries whose duty it would be to settle territorial terms. Once these terms are agreed upon, representatives of the neutrals should be called in to participate in consideration of the question of guarantees for the future, in which neutrals are as vitally concerned as belligerents. These guarantees in the German view necessarily would have to do with the freedom of the seas, limited disarmament, formation of a world league of nations to enforce peace and the establishment of an international court of arbitration.

Germany is said to consider that neutral nations can have no interest of their own in terms such as those relating to territory.

Germany May Supplement Note.

While there were no official advices upon the subject, the view still persisted in German quarters tonight that the note of the Central Powers might be followed by some highly confidential oral or written communication to President Wilson in which at least broad tentative terms might be stated.

In this connection officials noted with interest Berlin press dispatches saying that Ambassador Gerard had taken lunch with Alfred Zimmermann, the German foreign minister, and probably discussed the peace situation with him.

Count von Bernstorff's arrival in Washington was entirely unexpected as he had not planned to return until tomorrow. It is not improbable that he will visit the State Department within the next few days to seek information for his government and furnish the administration with any he may have.

Await Official Text.

Just what the United States could do toward bridging the gulf in case the Allies hold to their opposition to a conference is the subject of serious discussion among officials but as yet no concrete proposal has been advanced. It is said by officials that it even has not yet been decided whether this country will send on to the Entente the Teutonic reply to the President's note as embodying a new suggestion, or whether its mere publication here would be considered sufficient. The official text of this reply is awaited and no further step is expected before it arrives.

That the Allies will declare that there must be a military solution to the war,

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GERMANY'S REPLY COMMENTED UPON

French Papers Take Occasion to Point Out "Insincerity" of Peace Proposals.

CHANCELLOR IS ASSAILED

The Temps Alleges That While Ambassador Bernstorff Says One Thing in America, Hollweg Says Another in Germany.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The newspapers today comment freely on Germany's reply to President Wilson's note concerning peace. All of them affirm that it contains nothing not contained in the first communication of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, except that it proposes a conference in some neutral capital.

"Germany," says the Temps, "invites her adversaries to a conference without making to them any disclosure of what she proposes to say until their delegates surround the green cloth."

The Temps then attacks in detail what it terms the systematic mendacity of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg respecting the origin of the war, and alleges that he changed the date of the note of Count von Berchtold, the Austrian foreign minister, of which the chancellor spoke recently in the Reichstag. The newspaper asserts that while Count von Bernstorff says one thing in the United States, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg says another in Germany and expresses the hope that Washington will now be able to measure the sincerity of the German government's declaration.

"Germany desires peace, that is evident," continues the Temps, "but it will be a German peace which she will tear from her adversaries by a ruse, not having had the power to conquer it by force. That is the significance of the maneuver which outlines itself more clearly every day."

LaLiberte remarks that Germany received the American note December 22 and that her reply had already left Berlin the 26th.

"Never in the exchange of communications with the German government and Washington," says LaLiberte, "has Wilhelmstrasse shown such celerity In the period of the torpedoing of the Lusitania, Germany allowed entire months to pass without communicating to Mr. Wilson explanations, embarrassing and belated.

"The German note is silent on the essential point; it evades that entirely. Our enemy declines to unmask her batteries. The trap is more evident than ever ,but the Allies will not be caught."

COMMENT OF SOME OF THE NEWSPAPERS IN AUSTRIA.

London, Dec. 27.—A Reuter dispatch from Vienna by way of Amsterdam quotes some of the Austrian papers regarding the peace proposals. Commenting on Austria's reply to President Wilson, the Fremdenblatt says:

"The Central Powers contemplate the possibility of the continuance of the war with full confidence, but feel they owe a duty to their people to do everything compatible with their justified interests and terminate the bloodshed if at all possible."

The Neue Freie Presse says: "By our reply President Wilson's policy is at once allied with our own. The En-

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RUSSIAN PRESS TAKES A MORE SERIOUS VIEW

First Impression Made By President's Note Strengthened

Tone of Newspaper Comment Considerably More Inclined to View Possibility of Intervention by Neutrals for Peace.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 27.—Switzerland's endorsement of President Wilson's initiative in soliciting the formulation of peace terms by the warring powers and the news that other neutrals will follow suit has decidedly strengthened the impression made here by the American proposal and corrected whatever tendency there existed in certain quarters to regard Mr. Wilson's note as inspired by other motives than those set forth.

In well informed quarters it is said there is no reason to believe that the added influence of other neutrals will in any way change the point of view expressed by the foreign office or alter the national conviction that the present time is inauprepriate for the consideration of peace terms. But the tone of the press comment has become today considerably more inclined to

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SAYS NOW IS NOT TIME FOR PEACE

Russian Emperor Declares Germany is Feeling Nearness of "Complete Defeat."

ISSUES ORDER OF THE DAY

Says Russia's Trials of War "Do Permit of the Thought of Peace Until Final Victory Over Our Enemies."

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 27 (British admiralty, per wireless press)—In the course of an order issued to all the units of the Russian army, dated December 25, the emperor, in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for warfare as between the Allies and the Central Powers are being gradually removed, with the result that the enemy strength is apparently waning while that of Russia and her allies is constantly growing, proceeds to say:

"Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near, and near also is the hour of retribution for all her wrong-doings and violations of the moral law. As in the time of her strength she declared war, so now feeling her weakness she suddenly offers to enter upon peace negotiations, desiring to complete such negotiations before her military talent is exhausted.

"At the same time she is creating a false impression about the strength of her army by utilizing her temporary success over the Rumanians who lack experience in the conduct of modern warfare."

Arguing that the Allies are entitled to choose a favorable hour for peace negotiations, just as Germany chose a favorable hour for declaring war, the order says:

"This time has not yet arrived. The enemy has not been driven out of the provinces he has occupied. Russia's attainment of the tasks created by the war—regarding Constantinople and the Dardanelles as well as the creation of a free Poland from all three of her now incomplete tribal districts—has not yet been guaranteed. To conclude peace at this moment would mean failure to utilize the fruits of the trials of the heroic Russian troops and fleet. These trials and the still more sacred memory of those noble sons of Russia who have fallen on the battlefield do not permit of the thought of peace until final victory over our enemies. Who dares to think that he who brought about war shall have it in his power to conclude the war at any time he likes"

In conclusion, the emperor, expressing confidence that no Russian soldier would desire peace until the enemy had been expelled from Russian soil and had given guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous attack, says:

"Let us be firm in the certainty of our victory and the All-Highest will bless our standards and will cover them afresh with glory and give us peace worthy of your heroic deeds, my glorious troops—a peace for which future generations will bless your memory, which will be sacred to them."

EXCHANGE CLOSED SATURDAY

Decision Reached Because of Congestion in Financial District.

New York, Dec. 27.—Governors of the New York Stock Exchange at a meeting today decided not to open the exchange on Saturday owing to the almost unprecedented volume of business which has resulted in congestion throughout the financial district. The exchange will be closed on Friday afternoon, December 29, and business will not be resumed until January 2.

TWELVE WERE KILLED IN ARKANSAS TORNADO

Reports Last Night Placed Number of Injured at Fifty.

No Accurate Estimate of Property Damage Available But It is Indicated That the Loss May be Around $3,000,000.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—Reports tonight from virtually all of the towns and larger settlements in the area swept by yesterday's tornado in South Central Arkansas place the number of killed at 12 and the injured at 50. No accurate estimate of the property damage was available tonight, although some reports indicated that the loss might reach $3,000,000.

Six of those killed were white persons. Frank and James Bridges, students of Ouachita College, who were spending the Christmas holidays with relatives, were crushed to death when their home at Double Wells was demolished; Albert L. Schwartz, a farmer, was killed near England and three children, Choice and Allalee Padgett and Frances Snow, were killed near Carlisle.

Cotton Plant was among the towns which reported heavy property damage but no casualties.

FARM LOAN BANK CITIES ARE NAMED

Columbia Selected as Location for [illegible] Which Will Serve the Two Carolinas.

[illegible]AY BE READY IN 60 DAYS

Applications for Loans Already Pouring In From Every Section of the Country—How the System Will Work.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Twelve cities in which are to be located the Federal Farm Loan banks were announced today by the Farm Loan Board, and it is expected that within 60 days the new system will be in operation, ready to make the loans for which applications already are pouring in from every section of the country.

The banks will be set up in Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbia, S. C.; New Orleans, La.; Houston, Texas; St. Louis, Mo.; Louisville, Ky.; St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Witchita, Kas.; Spokane, Wash.; and Berkley, Cal. Virginia will be in the district served by Baltimore, while North and South Carolina will be in the Columbia district.

Stock subscription books of the banks will be opened within the next ten days, probably about January 2, to remain open for 30 days. It is expected, however, that the government will have to supply most of the $9,000,000 capital, under that section of the law which empowers the Secretary of the Treasury to make up the unsubscribed stock.

Temporary directors, five to each bank, will be named, probably within the next three weeks, by the board. As soon as the banks have been organized and borrowers have subscribed to $200,000 of the stock of each bank, the temporary directors will surrender their authority to the boards of nine directors each, six of whom will be named by the farmer borrowers and three by the Farm Loan Board. The permanent directors will serve three years and receive per diem compensation, as in the case of Federal Reserve bank directors.

Each borrower must subscribe to stock in the bank from which he borrowers to the extent of five per cent. of his loan and the original subscribers to the capital stock are required to surrender their holdings as they may be needed to meet this situation.

In designating locations for the banks, the board was guided chiefly by the needs of rural sections. This has resulted in placing only two of the 12 banks in New England and Middle Atlantic states, the chief centers of population. Three go to the South, five to the farming states of the Middle West and West and two to the Pacific coast.

FOLLOWING MILITARY SYSTEM IN ARGENTINA

Is Taken as Model for New Universal Service Bill.

Will be Designed to Keep Half Million Men Under Training With 2,500,000 Trained Reservists Subject to Call.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Argentina's military system is serving as a model for the universal service bill now being drafted by a committee of the Army general staff. Officers familiar with staff opinion said today that while details had not been completed, the measure would follow closely the Argentine scheme and was designed to keep half a million men under training, with 2,500,000 trained reservists subject to call.

It probably will be at least three weeks before the bill and accompanying estimates of cost are ready for submission to the Secretary of War. The chairman of the House Military committee has asked to see it, and it will be sent to the capitol for the committees information, though there is no indication that it will go with any sort of endorsement from the administration.

The main feature of the staff bill will be its provision for one year of intensive military instruction for all youths subject to its terms. It is expected that exemptions due to physical disqualifications and for other reasons, including possibly the conscription of certain men for work in industrial plants necessary in war times, would leave available for Army training between 450,000 and 500,000 of the 1,000,000 boys who reach the age of 18 each year.

In a broad way the outline of the general staff's continental army plan of last year would be followed in distributing tactical units of the reserve into 19 infantry and six cavalry divisions. Reservists would be liable for two years' service in this force before passing into the unorganized reserve.

New York, Dec. 27.—An informal conference of 12 war relief organizations was held here today on invitation of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, to consider a national campaign in the interest of all war relief activities. A committee was appointed to confer with the various organizations.

NATIONAL BANK RESOURCES HAVE INCREASED OVER FOUR BILLION WITHIN TWO YEARS

Exceed by About One Billion Dollars Total Combined Resources of the Next Ten Greatest Banking Systems in the World—West Shows Greatest Percentage of Increase, While the South is Third—Comptroller's Report.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Resources of National banks of the United States, Comptroller Williams announced tonight, have increased more than four billion during the last two years and now aggregate $15,520,000,000, exceeding by about $1,000,000,0000 the total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the German Reichsbank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of The Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, the Swiss National Bank, and the Imperial Bank of Japan, combined.

In a statement based upon returns from the last bank call, November 17, the comptroller calls attention to the fact that the increase has been at the rate of approximately 18 per cent a year during the last two years, as compared with 6 per cent a year for the 10-year period from 1904 to 1914, and that the total resources at present are more than double what they were ten years ago.

"The compilation just completed of returns for the last bank call," the comptroller's statement reads, "discloses a condition of strength, progress and growth beyond all precedent. Resources of national banks on the date of the last call are greater than the total resources of all reporting state banks, savings banks, private banks and loan and trust companies throughout the United States at the time of the inauguration of the Federal Reserve system about two years ago.

"It is also noteworthy that the resources of our national banks at this time exceed by $321,000,000 the total resources of all the reporting banking institutions in the United States, including state banks, savings banks and loan and trust companies and national banks as well, as late as the year 1904."

The greatest percentage of increase, the comptroller states, during the two-year period in which the Federal Reserve system has been in operation, was in the Western states. Geographically, the increase was as follows:

New England, 22 per cent; Eastern states, 39 per cent; Southern states, 32 per cent; Middle Western states, 31 per cent; Western states, 50 per cent; Pacific states, 33 per cent.

"In this prepared statement," the statement says, "the New England and Eastern states increased a total of $2,605,000,000, while the South and West, including the Far West, increased $2,022,000,000.

"Between September 16 and November 16 (last two bank call dates), resources of the National banks of New England and Eastern states increased $444,000,000. The increase in resources for the West and South for the same period was $664,000,000. The percentage of increase in the New England states was 3.36; Eastern states, 6.84; Southern states 15.98; Middle Western states, 5.71; Western states, 11.76; and Pacific states, 7.87. The average increase for the whole country was 7.69 per cent."

The principal changes between September 13 and November 17 show an increase of $1,109,000,000 in resources, an increase of $1,126,000,000 in deposits, bringing the total deposits of National banks up to $12,488,000,000; an increase of $485,000,000 in loans and discounts and an increase of $237,000,000 in reserves, bringing the total reserves held up to $2,472,000,000, the highest on record by $185,000,000.

RIMNIK--SARAT IS TAKEN BY TEUTONS

Are Now Apparently Closing in Upon Braila, Important Rumanian Town on Danube.

PETROGRAD ADMITS LOSSES

Berlin Claims Capture of 8,000 Prisoners Since December 22—No Important Results Outside of Rumania.

The net of the Teutonic Allies apparently is fast closing in upon Braila, Rumania's oil and grain center on the Danube. Having taken Filipechti, 30 miles to the southwest, Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have now captured the railroad town of Rimnik-Sarat, relatively the same distance to the east, while the guns of the Dobrudja army are still hammering, and with some success, the Russo-Rumanians at the bridgehead of Matchin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila.

Prior to the fall of Rimnik-Sarat the Teutonic Allies defeated the Russians on a front of 10 1-2 miles southwest of the town, while the Teutonic Danube army captured several fortified villages, according to the Berlin war office. Petrograd admits that the Russians and Rumanians have been forced to fall back north of Megura but says elsewhere the invaders were defeated with heavy casualties.

Since December 22, says Berlin, more than 8,900 prisoners and 27 machine guns have been captured in Rumania.

Artillery duels, sapping operations and attacks by small patrol parties featured Wednesday's fighting on the front in France. There have been sporadic battles at several points along the line in Russia and Galicia from Volhynia to the Carpathians, but no important results have been attained by either side.

The usual bombardment is in progress in the Austro-Italian theatre. In Macedonia comparative quiet prevails.

The demobilization of the Greek army in accordance with Greece's promises to the Entente Allies is being carried out, according to information received at the British foreign office.

The Russian emperor, in an order of the day to the Russian army dealing with Germany's proffer of peace, asserts that the proffer was made because Germany feels that her complete defeat is near. The emperor added that the time for peace had not yet arrived, and he was sure that no Russian would desire peace until the invaders had been driven from Russian soil and had given guarantees to prevent a possible repetition of a treacherous attack.

ECONOMIC SITUATION EQUAL TO EMERGENCY OF WAR TIME

Berlin, Dec. 27. (via Sayville).—The annual report of the Berlin chamber of commerce states that during 1916 "close co-operation of the government and people made practically available all the means which guarantee the possibility of an energetic continuation of the war and of the provisioning of the population with all the necessities of life. On this fact can be based a certainty that our economic evolution in

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TO OUTLINE FIRST CHIEF'S ATTITUDE

Luis Cabrera to Explain Carranza's Position as to Protocol to Secretary Lane.

HIS POLICY NOT INDICATED

If the Protocol is Accepter, it is Probable That the Delay in Complying With American Demand Will Be Overlooked.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Carranza's attitude toward the Atlantic City Protocol which is to determine whether negotiations between the United States and the Mexican de facto government are to be continued through the existing joint commission, will be outlined to Secretary Lone here tomorrow by Luis Cabrera, one of the Mexican commissioners. No definite information to indicate what the attitude is had reached officials tonight.

Secretary Lane, who is chairman of the commission, was notified early tonight that a special messenger, bearing a communication from the Mexican commissioners, presumably General Carranza's reply to the American demand that he approve or reject the protocol, had left New York for Washington. When the secretary retired for the night, however, the messenger had not arrived and word had come meantime that Mr. Cabrera himself would reach the capital tomorrow morning to explain personally General Carranza's position.

Although the United States had set last midnight as the time by which a reply from General Carranza would be expected, it was indicated tonight that if the protocol is approved, the delay will be overlooked, since the chief object here has been to secure a satisfactory adjustment. If the protocol is rejected, Secretary Lane will proceed with plans already under way to wind up the commission's affairs, and adjourn sine die.

Just what the next step would be officials will not discuss.

SAYS VILLA IS TO ATTACK BOTH CHIHUAHUA AND JUAREZ

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—Francisco Villa's forces are preparing to attack Chihuahua City and Juarez simultaneously in an effort to establish railroad traffic between the border and Torreon, it was said late today by a man known to be close to Villa.

A Mexican refugee who arrived here today from Torreon saind Villa was preparing to move north with 5,000 men to attack Chihuahua City. He reported another force of 500 Villa followers to have been yesterday at the Calderon ranch, 65 miles southeast of Juarez.

Skirmishing between the rebels at Calderon and the de facto troops which left Juarez yesterday for Chihuahua City was reported here late today, but could not be confirmed in Juarez. The Villa forces southeast of Juarez are commanded by Col. Manuel Ochoa, and Col. Mariano Tamez, according to a deserter who arrived at the border yesterday from the Calderon ranch. The Villa followers were said to have been sent north to take Juarez as soon as

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TRY TO INTERPRET THE ADAMSON LAW

Railroads and Brotherhoods Reported Confident of Reaching Mutual Agreement.

MEET IN NEW YORK TODAY

Plans May be Taken Under Consideration for Fighting the Proposed Compulsory Arbitration Legislation.

New York, Dec. 27.—Representatives of the National Conference Committee of Railways and the four brotherhoods of railroad employes will resume their meetings here tomorrow for the announced purpose of arriving at some agreement as to the application of the Adamson law in the event it is held to be constitutional by the United States Supreme Court. The meetings had been adjourned to await the handing down of the award in the case of the Switchmen's arbitration, which, it was expected, might have some bearing on the eventual interpretation of the Adamson act.

The railroad managers held a preliminary meeting today. It was intimated tonight that among other things which would be considered was an agreement that would bring the two forces together in a concerted effort to fight the President's proposed compulsory arbitration legislation. The railroads, however, are not altogether opposed to the principle of compulsory arbitration, it was indicated, providing a suitable plan can be evolved looking toward the selection of the arbitrators.

Both sides were reported confident tonight that a mutual understanding will be reached as to the practical interpretation of the Adamson act which, it is pointed out, specifies the hours of labor, but does not make provisions for the enforcement or continuation of certain privileges and rates of compensation which the men now enjoy and which, they believe, are threatened with extinction by the Adamson act.

Rather than make separate appeals to the court to decide the many points that could be brought to issue in this regard, it was reported that both sides, after agreeing on as many points as possible would consent to bring their differences for final adjudication to the Goethal's commission appointed by the President to observe the operation of the Adamson act.

A representative of Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference, authorized the statement that under no circumstances will the railroads seek to vitiate the Adamson act by any other means than those already. They are prepared, he said, to carry into effect the spirit and letter of the law should it be held constitutional and to this enr. In accordance with recommendations of the Goethals commission, precautions have been taken to safeguard the extra remuneration of the workers dating from January 1, 1917, until the decision of the Union States Supreme Court is handed down.

The brotherhood leaders expected at tomorrow's conference are William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; William S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and Edward L. Sheppard, acting president of the Order of Railway Conductors.

FOUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OPEN FOUR-DAY CONVENTION

Presidents of the Organizations Were Speakers Last Night.

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—Presidents of four national organizations, the American Statistical Association, the American Economic Association, the American Sociological Society and the American Association for Labor Legislation, delivered addresses at a joint meeting of these organizations here tonight, which was the opening of a four-day convention.

Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University, president of the American Association of Labor Legislation, described compulsory health insurance as a move toward "social regeneration."

George E. Vincent, of Minnesota, president of the American Sociological Society, discussing "countryside and nation," declare as an authority that farming pays the average farmer less than day wages; that only increased land values give him a delusive sense of prospering from agriculture; that tenancy is increasing disconcertingly and that educational social life, political responsibility, moral standards and religious functions are being neglected alarmingly by the rural population.

Charles P. Neill, president of the American Statistical Association, and President Thomas N. Carver, of the American Economic Association, were the other speakers.

HEAVY FOODSTUFF EXPORTS

In First Eleven Months of Year They Reach Value of $670,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 27—Foodstuffs continue to leave American ports for Europe in vast quantities. Figures published today by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce show that in the first 11 months of the year they reached a value of about $670,000,000, or at the rate of more than $60,000,000 a month. In the 11 months breadstuffs alone reached a total of $404,000,000.

MR. WILSON'S BIRTHDAY

President to Celebrate Sixtieth Anniversary of His Birth Today.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson will celebrate his sixtieth birthday tomorrow.

TO DISCUSS PROPOSED BILL

Representative-Elect Grant Calls Mass Meeting for Saturday Night to Hear Views of People.

In order to hear the consensus of opinion among the people of the community as to what legislation the masses think best to have enacted, Representative-elect L. Clayton Grant has called a mass meeting in the court house Saturday night at 8 o'clock for the pro and con discussion of any and all measures of proposed legislation.

Mr. Grant states that he is anxious to introduce all bills that are to be of benefit to all the people, and as he has been repeatedly approached by various persons in regard to what bills he proposes to introduce, he thinks it best to let the people of the county discuss the matter.

The representative-elect is of the opinion that this is one of the surest and best means of obtaining the views of the people, and for this reason the mass meeting has been called. He has gone on record as saying that bills presented to him for passage, on which the people have not been let in, will get scant attention from him.

ADOPTION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM URGED BY SPEAKERS

They Also Advocate Institution of the "Daylight Saving" Plan.

New York, Dec. 27.—Adoption of the metric system of weights and measures for commercial use in the United States and also of the "daylight saving" plan, was advocated today by speakers in different sections of the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The demand for war materials, it was said, had forced the introduction of the metric system in many factories.

Urging the merits of the "daylight saving" plan, Marcus M. Marks, president of Manhattan borough, said it would give more time for recreation, improve the public health and that it was estimated it would save $75,000,000 in lighting bills during the summer months.

Women took a leading part in the discussion in some of the sections. Many Southern negro tales and legends were traced to European sources by Mrs. Elsie Clews Parsons, of New York, in addressing the American Folk Lore Society. Some of these stories and legends, she said, were told to African negroes by Portuguese traders many centuries ago.

Among those elected life members of the association at a council meeting because of their contributions to science or continued interest in the association, were Prof. A. H. Tuttle, of the University of Virginia, and Cyrus F. Paine, oldest living member of the association.

VISIT RUINS OF HOUSE IN WHICH WOMAN WAS KILLED.

Spot Where Mrs. Small's Body Was Found Pointed Out to Jury.

Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 27.—The spot where the body of Mrs. Florence Arline Small was found on September 29, in the ruins of her burned cottage on the shore of Lake Ossipee, was pointed out today to the jury selected for the trial of the woman's husband, Frederick L. Small, who is charged with her murder. Beside the jury stood the prisoner sobbing most of the time.

County Solicitor Walter D. H. Hill indicated where the doors had been, the position of a revolver relative to the spot where the body lay, the site of Small's workshop in the rear of the house, and the location of neighboring cottages.

Sydney Stevens, for the defense, directed the jury's attention to a hatchway door over a flight of steps leading from the outside of the house to the cellar and to a cleat on the inner side which served as a fastening for the door. Mr. Stevens pointed out that under this cleat when it was in a position that would leave the door unfastened, the paint was scarcely damaged, while the rest of the door had been scorched and partly burned away.

It is understood that the defense will contend that in Small's absence a tramp entered the house, killed Mrs. Small, set the house on fire and left by the hatchway door.

FRANCIS C. LANGHORNE DEAD.

Was Member of Committee That Selected Name for Order of Elks.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 27.—Francis Charges Langhorne, who was a member of a committee that selected the name for the fraternal order of Elks, died at his home here today. He was 72 years old and was born in New York. His vote is said to have decided the choice of the Elks instead of Buffaloes.

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tents can refuse nothing to the Central Powers which they could not also refuse to President Wilson. The Entente no longer face us alone, but also America, with whom we are in full harmony."

The Reichs Post says: "Our proposal gives the Entente a favorable opportunity, even at the last moment, honorably to turn from the crime of war to the re-construction of civilization. Moreover, the fact that President Wilson made his demarche almost simultaneously with ours shows that he also considers any fundamental change in the war situation impossible."

The Arbeiter Zeitung says: "The reply of the Central Powers to President Wilson is inspired by the same high ideal as the first peace offer. Conscious of their victories in Rumania, they go their way undisturbed by speeches or writings in which the force that failed on the battlefields seeks to assert itself in phrases."

London, Dec. 27.—Former Premier Asquith issued a statement tonight denying that his daughter, Elizabeth, is engaged to be married. Several of the London newspapers Tuesday morning reported the engagement of Miss Asquith to Hugh S. Gibson, first secretary of the American embassy in London.

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HAD COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Chorus of More Than 300 Sing Carols Around Huge Christmas Tree at Masonboro School.

More than 300 people, including a number from this city, attended the Community Christmas tree celebration held on the plaza or green in front of the Masonboro school, beginning at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening.

A towering holly tree more than 18 feet tall, covered with berries and illuminated by hundreds of electric bulbs, furnished the setting for the revival of the old-time Christmas custom of observing the day with a community celebration in which the whole neighborhood joined in the singing of carols and hymns appropriate to the season. People came from miles around, trundling their baby carriages, if they walked, or bringing the whole family in a wagon if that proved the handiest vehicle for transportation purposes. Those who had automobiles, of course, used them as being the quickest way of getting to school and back home.

At the foot of the big tree, there were large boxes of apples and oranges, while toys of all kinds were also provided for distribution to the more than 100 children who attended the exercises. Every child was given a present and fruit besides.

Mr. M. F. Beasley, whose natural flowing beard admirably suited him for the role, acted as Santa Claus in a most acceptable and entertaining fashion. He was assisted by Mr. Dallas Orrell in the distribution of the presents to the children of the community. Miss May Orrell was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

One of the features of the musical programme was a solo by Miss Westbrook entitled, "Silent Night." Mr. Beasley also in his role as Santa Claus improvised and sang a number of songs including a number of old-time carols. The exercises were opened with carols in which all present joined, among which was "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

URGE ENTENTE ALLIES TO STATE TERMS FOR PEACE

Resolution is Adopted by Congress of French Socialists.

Paris, Dec. 27. — The Congress of French Socialists today, by an almost unanimous vote, passed a resolution requesting the Entente allied governments to reply to President Wilson's note concerning peace by saying that they are ready to tell him their conditions for peace, which must include just reparation for the wrecks done by the Central empires. The Socialists also declared they were for such a peace as was defined by the International Socialist Congress in London in February, 1915.

It was decided by the Socialists of the Entente allied countries at the London conference that "No hope for peace can be entertained until German militarism is crushed."

Resolutions were passed, urging that Belgium be liberated, and compensated, that the question of Poland should be settled in accordance with the wishes of the Polish people, and that "from Alsace-Lorraine to the Balkans those populations that have been annexed by force receive the right freely to dispose of themselves."

BICKETT'S INAUGURATION PROBABLY JANUARY 11 OR 12

Governor-Elect to be in Washington January 8, Usual Date.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—The general expectation is that the inauguration of Governor Bickett will take place January 11 or 12. Ordinarily it would be on January 8, but this time there is scheduled in Washington the argument before the Supreme Court of the case that the Republic of Cuba has instituted against the State in a movement to try for the collection of a big block of the old reconstruction repudiated bonds of South Dakota and Marion Butler-Daniel Russell face. And Governor Bickett is determined to make a personal argument before the Supreme Court for the State in this case before he passes over to Judge Manning the portfolio of the attorney generalship. So he will have to be in Washington for this argument on the 8th and will hurr ypack to Raleigh immediately thereafter to assume the governorship.

LONDON ENVELOPED IN ONE OF THICKEST FOGS OF YEARS.

Traffic Disorganized and Great Inconvenience Caused Last Night.

London, Dec. 27.—One of the thickest fogs of recent years enveloped London today, disorganizing traffic and causing great inconvenience. Owing to the restrictions on the lighting of the city, nightfall brought surface traffic to a complete standstill and people went about with the aaid of torchlights and electric flashlights.

Underground railways were the only means of transportation and they were soon choked by the enormous crowds. Steam railway traffic to and from London was halted from points as far away as Birmingham.

APPARENTLY FAVORS SCULLY.

Congressional Contest in New Jersey Now Seems to Lean Toward Him.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 27.—With the elimination by Supreme Court Justice Kalish here today of 301 votes cast in the recent election for Robert Carson, and 211 cast for Thomas J. Scully, Democrat and incumbent, the contest in the Third congressional district of New Jersey apparently has swung in Scully's favor. These votes were from Middlesex county. The original returns from the entire district showed Carson was elected over Scully by 11 votes. Justice Kalisch has yet to pass upon a number of ballots cast in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

EXPLAIN TO GEN. BELL.

Non-Commissioned Officers of Eighth Ohio to be Confined to Camp.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27. — All of the non-commissioned officers of the Eighth Ohio Infantry, who signed a "round robin" recently, today presented a written explanation to General George Bell, Jr., commander of the border division here.

General Bell announced that they would be confined to camp for 15 days, but would be permitted to retain their non-commissioned ranks. He said that only Private Robert Dixon would be tried by summary court, on the charge of drafting the "round robin."

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$25.00 Coat Suits, now	$12.50
$27.50 Coat Suits, now	$13.75
$35.00 Coat Suits, now	$17.50
$40.00 Coat Suits, now	$20.00
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$10.00 Dresses, now	$6.67
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$20.00 Dresses, now	$13.33
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$35.00 Dresses, now	$23.34

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$20.00 Coats, reduced to	$13.33
$25.00 Coats, reduced to	$16.67
$35.00 Coats, reduced to	$23.34
$40.00 Coats, reduced to	$26.67
$45.00 Coats, reduced to	$30.00

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PEACE TERMS WOULD BE STATED ON FIRST DAY OF CONFERENCE

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both in their note to the President and in their reply to the Central Powers, was the growing belief here today. A London dispatch today following one from Petrograd yesterday as well as intimations from both Paris and Rome that the Allies could not discuss peace until they actually held the territories they considered essential for their future, was taken to indicate that the Allies want to wait for a substantial military victory and a reversal of the present military situation.

Serious Consideration in England

Great Britain's invitation to the premiers of all the colonies to attend an imperial war conference to discuss "possible conditions on which, in agreement with our allies, we could consent to its termination," proved a decided surprise here where the step was taken as indicating the seriousness with which the peace movement is viewed in England. The holding of such a conference, however, is expected to be subsequent to the allied replies to President Wilson and the Central Powers.

Secretary Lansing was with the President for 30 minutes today but said afterwards he had discussed matters of minor importance. Although Mr. Lansing said today that full information regarding all of the recent submarine attacks on vessels in which the United States is interested is in the possession of the State Department, no definite action on that question is expected during the pendency of peace proposals. All of the information has been forwarded to Berlin and replies are awaited.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE HAVE AGREED ON TERMS OF REPLY

London, Dec. 27.—England and France have fully agreed upon the terms of the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Teutonic allies, the Associated Press learned at the foreign office today. It is hoped here that the answer may be dispatched by the end of this week, but other nations of the Entente although agreed in principle, may require verbal alterations which would necessitate further delay.

It is expected that once this reply has been forwarded the response to President Wilson's note will follow very shortly.

RUSSIA'S REPLY TELEPHONED TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

London, Dec. 27. — Russia's reply to the German peace proposals was telephoned Monday to the French government, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. It adds that the Swiss minister has handed to the Russian foreign minister the note of the Swiss government, supporting President Wilson's note.

RIMNIK-SARAT IS TAKEN BY TEUTONS

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the future also will be equal to the emergencies of war time."

GERMANY AGAIN GUARANTEES NEUTRALITY OF SWITZERLAND

Paris, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Journal Des Debats from Geneva says: "The Swiss Federal Council has, according to information received from Berne, received most formal assurances from Germany guaranteeing once more Switzerland's neutrality. The assurances were given as the result of the fear recently prevailing that Germany was preparing to break through Switzerland into France and Italy."

EXPLAINS PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL SERVICE IN CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—In a letter today sent to organized labor, Premier Borden said that "the proposal for national service is not connected with conscription but rather the idea was to make an appeal for voluntary national service which would render unnecessary any resort to conscription." He declined to give assurance that under no circumstances would conscription be carried out in Canada, asserting:

"If conscription should prove the only effective method to preserve the existence of the state, I should consider it necessary and should not hesitate to act accordingly."

R. B. Bennett, director of national service, has announced that it is obligatory upon every man in Canada to fill in and return a card giving his age and social status and answering other questions. The executive committee of the Canadian trades and labor congress has decided that in view of assurances that "no penalty or coercion will be applied," members of all unions be recommended to fill in and return the cards.

LINES OF THE RUSSIANS ARE PIERCED AT SEVERAL POINTS

Berlin, Dec. 27 (via Sayville)—The 5-day battle that has been in progress in eastern Wallachia has resulted in the piercing of the Russian lines at several points, army headquarters announced today. The Russians were definitely defeated on a front of 17 kilometres, southwest of Rimnik-Sarat. Several fortified villages have been captured by the Teutonic Danube army, and the Russians have been forced to retreat to prepared positions farther north.

A total of 7,600 prisoners and 27 machine guns have been captured since December 22, by the Ninth army, and more than 1,300 prisoners by the Danube army.

NINE ENTENTE AEROPLANES LOST ON WESTERN FRONT

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 27.—Nine aeroplanes were lost by the Entente in aerial engagements along the western front yesterday, the war office announced today. There has been violent artillery activity in the Ypres salient and in the region north of the river Somme.

DENIES FRENCH STATEMENT AS TO LOSS OF AEROPLANES

Berlin, Dec. 27, (via Sayville).—An Overseas News Agency statement today says:

"The French headquarters statement of December 21 reported four German machines shot down. The fact is that on the 19th no German machine was lost and on the 20th one German machine was lost."

GEORGIA BOY'S LETTER.

Tells Home Folks How Lonesome It Would be Without Y. M. C. A.

(Border Work.)

Troops from Georgia went to the border in October, and many lonely young fellows found companionship at the Association building in their camp. Here is part of a letter one Georgia soldier wrote home:

"It is awfully lonesome here, and at times it would be worse if it were not for the Y. M. C. A. They provide us with a nice building where we can write, with plenty of stationery. We have movies nearly every night and also prayer meetings twice a week and on Sunday we have a Sunday school.

"There are men who do nothing but preach along the border from one camp to another. Of course, they are connected with the Army Y. M. C. A. The other night we had about 25 boys accept Christ as their Saviour, and are trying to live a better life. Some people may think it is an easy matter to live a better life in the Army, especially on the border, but there are more temptations here than anywhere else."

50,000 ARMENIANS STARVING

New York, Dec. 27.—Fifty thousand deported Armenians are starving in the vicinity of Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, as a result of a recent temporary suspension of relief appropriations, according to a cablegram from American Ambassador Elkus received through the State Department at Washington and made public here tonight by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. An appeal is made for increased applications to alleviate the suffering.

THEY WERE RUNDOWN

How often we hear it said of a man or woman that "they were rundown in health" which accounts for their present sickness. For that reason it is important that when you find you tire easily, when your nerves are troublesome or your work is irksome, you should strengthen your system immediately with the blood-enriching, tissue-building food in Scott's Emulsion which contains pure Norwegian cod liver oil and is free from alcohol.

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DOG LOST!

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THEATRICAL

Throughout the ages through which we as a people have lived, hearts and minds of those of every age have thrilled with enthusiasm at the retelling of that wonderful story of Joseph of the coat of many colors, and of his rise to power in ancient Egypt.

First there was a magnificent spectacle of this story made for the legitimate stage—a production costing a tenth of a million dollars to produce. Now comes the inevitable motion picture version, riched in vesture of scenery, more elaborate in mammoth scenic spectacles, more wonderful, tense and thrilling in its action, and one of the marvels of the cinema art of the year.

Every ingredient that combines to form this ancient narrative is richly contained. There is the conspiracy of the brothers, jealous of Joseph; how they sold him into slavery is a theme treasured in the memories of the millions. Of pathos and heart interest there is the deeply poignant grief of the old father when sold the false story of Joseph's death under the lion's paw.

At great expense the atmosphere of Egypt and Palestine of the time when the world was young has been admirably preserved, and it comes to us an entertainment for the people possessing the nearest universal appeal of anything heretofore accomplished in motion pictures. It is to be presented by the Luther League for the benefit of the Salem, Va., Orphans' Home, and will be presented at the Victoria Friday, matinee and night.

"The Good Woman"—Bijou.

William V. Mong, who wrote and produced this Bison two-reel drama, must have studied his Bret Harte to good advantage. He has written a story which reflects the spirit of the great portrayer of the West, when the West was new. The curious and beautiful chivalry of the plains is reproduced in this tale of the champion of a "good woman", and his disappointment in his idol. Nellie Allen plays the part of the woman, who is driven by extremity to claim a position that she does not possess; Harry Holden plays the miner who finally wins her heart, and Frank Winston succeeds in hiding his identity absolutely, in the role of the drunken wretch who deserts the woman in the first place. Mong has a part which suits his talents of characterization, as "Kansas," and demonstrates his remarkable quickness with a gun in convincing fashion.

"The Good Woman" is the title of this tense drama, and it is the headliner on today's big bill at the Bijou. Other big features are a great Nestor comedy scream, "Oh, You Honeymoon" and a rousing Powers cartoon comedy hit, "The Trials of the Movie Cartoonist," giving the inside dope of how cartoon comedy pictures are made.

"Biggest Yet" at Royal.

"Hiram at the Cabaret," was the new show put on by Arthur Hauk's Sunshine Girls at the Royal yesterday, and there were hundreds who were emphatic in declaring it the "very biggest yet." The Sunshine Girls is just about the most talented bunch of artists that have been this way in a long time, and no one, after seeing their performance, can deny that they are real artists in their respective lines.

"Hiram at the Cabaret" is a rousing, rattling musical comedy, with just a suggestion of a plot, but it is chock full of big special numbers and song numbers. The Sunshine Girls chorus displays some of the most amazing creations in dress that have yet been seen, and the several dance numbers are executed with a grace and daintiness which is sadly lacking from many of the companies seen recently. Barney Kleeber as a Charlie Chaplin imitator was a scream, and Teck Murdock and Clarence Clidence in the comedy roles kept the crowd giggling all the way through.

Ward and Barton, "The Actress and the Yodeler", put on a new and nifty specialty act that was a rare treat for the patrons of the Royal. These artists, it is plain to everyone, possess the class and the dash that is seldom seen, and they are making a great hit this week at the Royal. The big bill will be repeated for the last times today and tonight.

FANNIE WARD.
The Exquisite Artiste Starring in "The Years of the Locust," a Paramount Feature at the Grand Today.

"The Common Law" Coming.

Of all the pictures announced for the present season, none have created quite the sensation on Broadway and in the biggest cities as did the great Selznick production of Clara Kimball Young in that wonderful Robert W. Chambers story, "The Common Law" which is announced for presentation at the Victoria theatre for next Monday and Tuesday. The Victoria was already booked for these dates with a massive Thos. H. Ince production, but Mr. Wells, after seeing this great picture at a private exhibition during the convention in Charlotte last week, immediately cancelled this booking in order to be able to start the New Year at the Victoria with what is conceded to be the best picture of the year.

Clara Kimball Young's art never had wider scope for the delineation of a role which so fully encompassed her superb dramatic and histrionic abilities as she has in "The Common Law". Many hundreds of Wilmingtonians who have read the book can readily imagine her in the role of Valerie West, the poor girl whose horizon for years was bounded by the walls of the little apartment in which she attended with ceaseless care her invalid mother; who knows nothing of the realities of life that surge up from the city streets beneath her little window.

Of her mother's death, her destitute condition, of her search for work, finally running into Neville's studio, where she consents to pose in the nude for him; of the beautiful and pure love that springs up in her for the artist, who also loves her, of his battle against his heart, when he realizes that he is betrothed to a society girl. Of the appeal of this society girl to the pretty model, and the model's promise not to marry her sweetheart. Of the struggle with herself to hide and stifle her emotions hundreds have read, and can imagine Clara Kimball Young displaying her superb height of emotional talent in the interpretation of the part.

It is probably one of the greatest pictures ever presented in Wilmington; certainly the most expensive one, except "The Birth of a Nation."

Fannie Ward at Grand.

At last Fannie Ward, brilliant Lasky star, who is noted in two hemispheres as being the best dressed actress on the tage, has ample opportunity to display some of her famous wardrobe, in the Jesse Lasky production of "The Years of the Locust," which will be today's great Paramount attraction at the Grand, beginning with morning negligees, street costumes, afternoon gowns, tea gowns, ball gowns, opera cloaks, driving furs, cunning frocks and even a cute little riding habit follow each other in quick succession.

The story of this thrilling drama has to do with a young woman who was unfortunately wedded to a swindling stock broker. How his ruin is accomplished, how to escape the law he is supposed to have committed suicide, and how his wife is married to the man she really loves, only to have her first husband appear on the scene, is brought about in a series of unusual scenes, which swiftly take the audience from the drawing rooms in fashionable New York homes to the dirt and heat of a South African diamond mine.

The story contains a remarkable incident of dramatic and human interestfi in the fact that Miss Ward's former husband was Joe Lewis, a South African diamond king, and in the wedding for the photodrama, she wears the same gown and veil which she wore in real life when she was the most sought after actress in English society.

"The Prince of Pilsen."

"The Prince of Pilsen" has contributed more to the gaiety of nations than any other musical comedy in the history of the theatre. It has covered the theatrical highways of the United States and Canada many times, invaded England where it played eight months at the Shaftesbury theatre, London, and for three season was one of the most successful attractions touring the English provinces. It was taken to South Africa by a company organized to present a number of American musical comedies there and was made the opening attraction. It scored a hit such as has never been made there before. The continued popularity and exhaustless vitality of the musical comedy is ascribed to the rare combination it presents of tuneful airs, lyrics of striking beauty and imagery, and a story in which hilarious comedy is a natural carrollary to its incidents and development. "The Prince of Pilsen" will be seen at the Academy of Music, matinee and night on next Monday. The matinee prices will be from 5 cents to $1. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets for both performances will go on sale tomorrow morning at Elvington's Pharmacy at 9 o'clock.

The Screen Event of the Season at the Victoria Next Monday and Tuesday

GETTING RECOMMENDATIONS READY FOR LEGISLATURE.

Governor and Heads of Departments Preparing Their Documents.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—Governor Craig and the heads of the other divisions of the State government are rushing the preparation of their recommendations to the Legislature and that there will be numbers of very progressive measures proposed is the general expectations. Governor-elect Bickett is formulating his inaugural address, which is to embrace recommendations that will be supplemented by special messages later in the session.

WOULD REPLACE GERMAN-MADE GOODS WITH AMERICAN-MADE

Company to Co-Operate in Taking Advantage of Franco-Belgian Trade.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A company was organized here today to co-operate in a movement to have American-made goods re-place in France and Belgium articles of German manufacture at the close of the European war.

Representatives of France and Belgium are said to be encouraging the movement. The plan contemplates the organization of branch companies in every large manufacturing center in the United States.

DRY CHRISTMAS AT MAGNOLIA

Wet Goods Failed to Arrive on Time. Mr. Vander Strickland Shot.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mr. Vander Strickland was painfully though not seriously injured yesterday afternoon while out bird hunting with Mr. Luke Quinn. Mr. Quinn's gun was accidently discharged, the load of No. 8 shot striking Mr. Strickland in one hand and side.

Mr. W. F. Pickett has a bronze turkey hen that made him a present of 12 little turkeys on Christmas Day.

This has been a very dry Christmas, as far as booze went, for this section. For some reason liquor ordered in the last 10 days has failed to arrive, just a few packages coming on each train. For the last few days there has been a large crowd of the thirsty ones to meet each train looking for their little quart and after the trains have passed there is a crowd in front of the express office asking if they have any thing and when the express agent says "no" you can hear them groan as they turn away, and if a man is lucky enough to get a quart you can hear the other fellows say "lucky fellow."

TO SUBSTITUTE OWEN BILL.

New Corrupt Practices Measure Being Drawn Up by Sub-Committee.

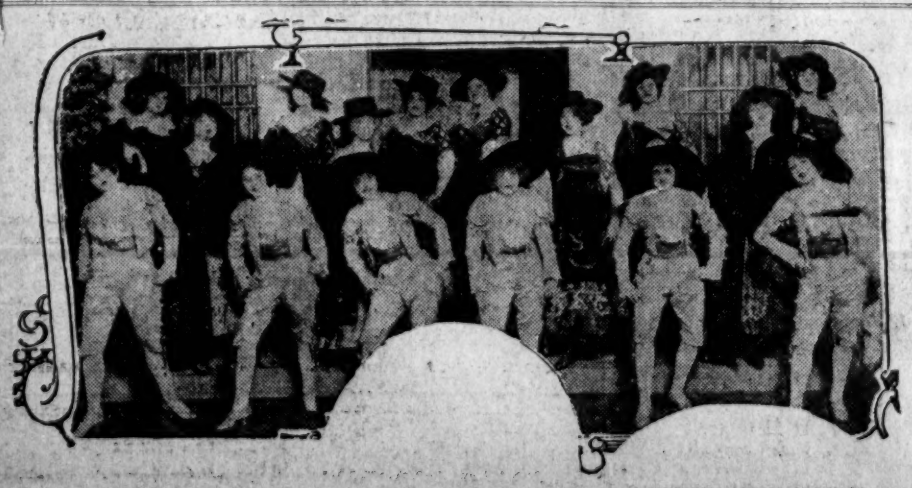
Washington, Dec. 27.—Work of drafting a corrupt political practices act to take the place of the Owen bill before the Senate after the holiday recess was taken up today by a Senate sub-committee.

One suggestion being considered is the limiting of expenditures in senatorial elections on a per capita basis, allowing a candidate to expend possibly two cents for each voter in a thickly settled state or five cents in one not so densely populated. This suggestion was framed to meet an objection made when the Owen bill was before the Senate that a hard and fast rule of expenditures applying to all sections was unfair.

NEW COAL MARKET.

Government to Investigate Possibilities in South America.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Convinced that South America offers a practicable market for coal produced in this country and that development of such a trade would aid materially in building up an American merchant marine, Department of Commerce officials have decided on a comprehensive investigation of the coal demand throughout the southern continent. Grosvenor M. Jones, a special agent of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, will sail for South America in January.



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Coats that sold at $25.00 and $27.50, special for **$18.50.**

Coats sold at $37.50, $40.00 and $45.00, special for **$29.50.**

Christmas Articles at Very Low Prices

We have a few of the Xmas Novelties left over, which will make most welcome New Year's Gifts.

All Xmas Items Special at One-Third Off.

(See Special Tables.)

Dresses at Reduced Prices for Clearance

$15.00 Dresses to close out at **$8.75.**

$25.00 Dresses to close out at **$18.75.**

Beautiful $4.00 Waists, to close out at **$2.48.**

R. L. DAVIS WRITES PASTORS

Urges That All Churches Send Representative to Anti-Saloon League Convention.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—Urging that the churches and Sunday schools elect delegates and provide for their expenses to Raleigh January 15-16, for the bi-ennial convention of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent, has addressed the following letter to the pastors of all denominations throughout the State:

"The pastor is the key man to the temperance situation in his community. His activity means the extermination of the liquor traffic thereabouts. He sets the pace for Christian citizens; therefore, how important it is that every pastor be active and let his influence be felt. The Anti-Saloon League can't get along without you.

"The annual conferences and conventions in the past two months have endorsed the legislative campaign of the Anti-Saloon League and have urged local churches, Sunday schools and young people's societies to send delegates to the ninth biennial convetion of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League. In accord with their action I write to ask you to see that your church or churches and Sunday schools elect delegates and provide for their expenses to Raleigh, N. C., January 15-16, 1917. The convention will convene at 1:30 Monday afternoon and adjourn about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

"The programme is fine! It's a treat for those who come. Hon. William Jennings Bryan will be here and address the convention at 2 P. M. Monday. Judge S. D. Weakley, of Birmingham, Ala., will address us that night, and Rev. J. Sidney Peters, Prohibition commissioner of Virginia, at 10 o'clock next morning. I hope you will be with us. By all means let your church be represented. The Anti-Saloon League is the church in action against the liquor traffic and the liquor habit, and I am sure you want your church to have a hand in overthrowing these evils.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will give the visiting delegates a reception from 6 to 7 P. M. Monday at the Y. M. C. A. Of course, all want to be there. There will be no charges, and we must let the ladies know by the 13th how many plates to serve. So please tell your delegate to write me by that time if he expects to attend.

"Please do not stick this letter away in your pocket and forget it. That would be like placing a candle under the bushel. Bring the question up at your next appointment and ask your congregation about sending a representative or representatives to our convention. Elect the same and provide for railroad fare at least. If 1,000 churches in the State will send just one delegates each to our convention, it will make an emphatic impression on the members of our General Assembly, and they will no doubt be kindly disposed toward the legislative programme of the Anti-Saloon League. If 1,000 Sunday schools also send delegates, they will know we mean business. Now is the time for your church or Sunday school to do something that will help kill the liquor evil. Call it to their attention, and I believe they will do it."

TWO DEATHS IN GOLDSBORO.

Mr. Chas. A. Stroud and Mr. Barney Davis Have Passed Away.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 27.—The death of Mr. Chas. A. Stroud, well known to the people of Goldsboro, where he had driven a transfer for years, occurred this morning at his home on Elm street east. The funeral will be held from Elm Street Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Revs. J. M. Wright and A. I. Caudle, and the interment will be in Wallowdale cemetery.

The death of Mr. Barney Davis, who had been in feeble health for several months, occurred at his home on South Slocumb street Tuesday morning. Besides other relatives, he leaves a wife and two small children.

CHRISTMAS MAIL HEAVY.

Amount Handled in New Bern Postoffice Breaks All Records.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 27.—According to statistics compiled by men in the New Bern postoffice, the amount of incoming and outgoing mail that has been handled in the local office during the past 15 days has eclipsed all past records and the number of packages and letters has been enormous.

The clerks and carriers in the local office are glad that the holiday season is fast drawing to a close. They have been completely fagged out, but the public has been well served and is highly praising them for the excellent work which they have done.

DEATH AT FAIR BLUFF

Mrs. E. M. Barnes Passes Away, Leaving Nine Young Children.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fair Bluff, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mrs. E. M. Barnes passed away yesterday. Under any circumstances death sheds a gloom over loving hearts, but when it takes away the mother of a new born infant and leaves the devoted father to father and mother eight other small children, it brings sorry and deep bereavements that words fail to express. The hearts of the people of Fair Bluff go out in sincere sympathy for Captain Barnes and the nine small children that survive this faithful Christian wife and mother.

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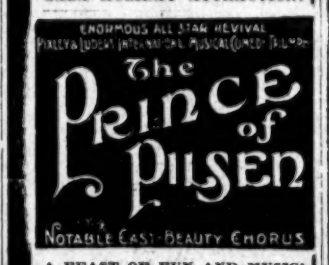

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

Those shepherds were not great or wonderfully wise or good men. But they heard of Jesus Christ the Savious, and they sought and found him. —MARK GUY PEARSE.

All aboard for a new year's journey "Somewhere"!

Some people can act ugly better than any born actor can do it.

The happiest men and women are those who can be contended.

What has become of the editorial militarists who belittled Mr. Ford's peace expedition?

Villa spent Christmas in an effort to keep out of the clutches of Santa Claus.

If you did not get what you wanted, you should blame yourself for wanting something for nothing.

Christmas chimes and Christmas crimes constitute an incongruous revelry during the holiday season.

Sometimes we wait for the psychological moment but it is past before we know it. Do it now, if it's right. Don't delay.

It is said that more trouble is being experienced in the Republican party because the Progressives refuse to follow the bourbons and mossbacks. However, can the Progressives expect the reactionaries to follow them without leaving Republicanism behind? Honest Progressives can't be Republicans nor can honest Republicans be Progressives. It is like trying to mix oil and water.

In former years floods of little local and private bills have been sent up by the 100 counties to their representatives in the legislature to be introduced and passed, after the session opened. This time the representatives will take their pockets full of bills along with them to be poured into the hopper as soon as the mill starts, because the constitutional amendments will "call time" on the 10th of January, one week after the General Assembly convenes.

We now approach a new year of surprises and great world events. Seven is the first part of seventeen, and seven is the last unit in 1917. Maybe you don't think that seven has anything to do with it, but if it weren't for the seven and the 7, the coming year's name would be mud. However, it will be 1917, so it will have surprises and events in it, because it would be unlike all the other years of your life if it didn't. The fact is, every year of your life is an eventful year, and we should remember that and not waste a single eventful year.

Of course, all editors had a merry Christmas. Editors have to be merry and jovial all the time, whether school keeps or not. An editor may come out at the little end of the horn, but all the same he has to make a noise like the little end of the horn is the big end growing bigger all the time. An editor may feel as if he is in the soup himself, but those who read his paper will get the impression that he walked off with the whole tureen and is ready to ladle out the stuff at the same old stand.

Americans as a whole are sick and tired of the war in Europe. Those who are rolling in wealth on account of the war are few compared with the millions of Americans who are bearing a share of the economic drain and, most of all, are more concerned over humanity and civilization than they are about making money or sustaining losses by means of the world's barbarism. President Wilson voices the cry of America's soul in demanding as reasonably as he can that the belligerent nations shall come to their senses.

GERARD AS PEACE MESSENGER.

In connection with the almost daily developments of momentous import to the world in the movement toward peace since the Teutonic allies took the initiative, especially in connection with their notes to the neutral powers proposing peace negotiations and an immediate conference of delegates of the belligerents, and particularly in connection with President Wilson's note to the belligerent nations asking for a statement of specific peace terms, it is very interesting to reflect upon the part that James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, may have had in it all.

Fresh from the center of things in Berlin, where since the war began he had had opportunity to keep in touch with German sentiment, both among the populace and in official circles, Ambassador Gerard recently came to America and spent several weeks here. He had opportunity to get a first hand line on public sentiment in this country and on the views of the administration officials at Washington. Just before taking his departure for his post at the German capital, he had a private conference with President Wilson. What was said at that conference has never been published. What the President said or what the ambassador said, neither has ever told the press or the people of this country or Europe.

Fresh from a conference with President Wilson and a sojourn of weeks in America, the ambassador returned to Berlin, reaching there very recently. Since that time he has had opportunity to confer with high officials of the imperial government. On Monday of this week an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, London, cabled to this country that night, stated that Emperor William would give special audiences on Tuesday to the American ambassador and the Swiss minister. Whether these conferences actually took place was not reported Tuesday night, but the lack of report on the scheduled conference may be explained as on account of the overshadowing announcement from Berlin the same day that the Teutonic allies were favorable to an immediate meeting of delegates from the belligerent nations at some neutral point in order that an exchange of views with regard to peace might be carried out.

There is plenty of ground on which to base the supposition that there was intimate relation between the peace movement now under way and the visit of Ambassador Gerard to this country, his conference with Wilson and the conference presumably held with Emperor William, following recent conferences between the Kaiser and high officials of the German government who had conferred with Gerard since his return from America.

In the visit of Ambassador Gerard to this country and his return to Berlin there was ample opportunity for exchange of messages and views between President Wilson and the German government, even the Emperor himself, on the subject of a peace movement, without anybody on earth except Wilson, Gerard, the Emperor and other high German officials ever knowing just what was said. There was even opportunity for an understanding as to the tentative programme to be followed by the Teutonic allies and the President of the United States in an effort to bring about peace. Who knows that, in his head secure from newsgatherers and censors, Ambassador Gerard did not bring and carry back messages not surpassed in point of import to the world by any document ever transmitted by mail or wire across the Atlantic?

The visit of Ambassador Gerard gave President Wilson an opportunity to learn more probably than any other man in America knows about the situation in Europe. It is safe to presume with absolute confidence that President Wilson knew what he was doing and was not playing in the dark when he dispatched that historic note to the warring nations. The Charlotte Observer has ample reason for its repeatedly expressed opinion that the President had information in which the public was not permitted to share.

RAILROADS WOULD SPEND MILLIONS.

Mr. Thomas F. Logan says in an article in Leslie's that the commercial activities of the country are increasing at the rate of 8 per cent a year, yet, he points out, "the development of the railways is not keeping pace." Thus he goes on to say:

"Last year the newly constructed mileage of railroads was less than in any year since 1848, barring the period of interrupted development caused by the War Between the States. To meet commercial demands the railroads must be prepared to expend the enormous sum of $1,500,000,000 annually—$1,250,000,000 to go for construction and maintenance and $250,000,00 to refund matured indebtedness. This sum will not be obtainable under restricted and inelastic rates and conditions that discourage investment. The plans for relief involve the bringing of the carriers under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission, their release from the hampering influence of state legislation and control, more liberal provisions for stock issues, and authority given to the Interstate Commerce Commission over minimum as well as maximum rates."

If the commercial activities of the country are increasing at the rate of 8 per cent a year, then why is it that the traffic of the railroads does not increase in that proportion? It is quite certain that when the country business falls off, the business of the railroads decreases in like proportion. However, if the business of the country increases, it is strange that railroad business should not increase. Isn't it a fact, however, that railroad traffic has kept pace with business? The writer in Leslie's nevertheless makes the point that business is bad with the railroads because they have failed to earn billions with which to build new railroads. His object, of course, is a plea against restrictive legislation and too much railroad regulation.

Whether or not there is too much legislative restriction and public regulation, it is arguing from false premises to say that it prevents the railroads from building more railroads to meet the carrying demands of the country. Operating railroads and building other railroads are two different propositions. Building new roads is a matter of capital and investment, not of railroad earnings in sufficient volume to go on building roads. It is suggesting a new kind of financial economy to permit a railroad to take money out of the pockets of the people in order to provide the railroads with billions supposed to be spent in building new lines.

We haven't the slightest idea that the railroads expect to do that kind of business. They can reasonably expect to be permitted to earn a fair return on legitimate investments and to earn enough surplus for ordinary maintenance and necessary betterments, but there is something entirely new in the idea that, in addition to all that, the patrons along railroads should be taxed on their traffic in order to build railroads into some other territory.

If railroads were built that way, neither the railroads nor capital would be building such roads. It would be railway construction at the expense of the patrons of the railroads, and unrestricted operations of that kind would make the people build railroad property for somebody else to own and operate.

Railroads will never be built in this country by any such method. The railroads could easily draw upon the people for money to build railroads that may or may not be needed somewhere else. It would make the people in railroad territory build railways in territory without railroad facilities.

The fact is, that is capital's business, and if the inducements are sufficient capital will build them. However, capital may be deterred from investments in railroad building, but as capital is organized today it will build feeders but not new lines to compete with old ones in which capital is already deeply interested. The system of building railroads in this country has changed since the days of Big Business.

PROMOTION WORK READY FOR WILMINGTON

In the order named, The Star advocated the establishment of an abattoir, a creamery and a packing house for Wilmington, and our city is to be congratulated that she has or will have all three in the order referred to. Our city has a successful model abattoir, and about the 1st of February she will have the best equipped creamery in the South. Meanwhile a $200,000 packing house company has been organized and will soon have its plant under construction. All these industries will represent a capital outlay of about $300,000—all Wilmington capital.

The new industry immediately in sight is that of the Warren Creamery Company which is installing machinery at 20 North Second street in conjunction with the ice cream factory and milk depot of Mr. A. G. Warren, who has successfully conducted the business that he is now enlarging into a plant that will embrace all his enterprises in one establishment. The creamery unit will be ready for operation February 1st and it will have a capacity for manufacturing from 500 to 600 pounds of high grade creamery butter per day. The plant will represent a capitalization of about $50,000.

Wilmington's creamery will be under the superintendency of Mr. G. M. Bock, an expert, who got his initial training in Denmark, of which great dairying country he is a native. He has been in this country 11 years and came to North Carolina from Wisconsin, in which state he was employed in large creamery and cheese factories. He also was connected with the demonstration and extension work of the University of Wisconsin. He was raised up in the business and was engaged in the industry in both Denmark and Russia before he came to America. He came to North Carolina to manage the Greensboro creamery, which has been made a success and which is increasing its business under good management.

North Carolina is a new field for the creamery and dairying industry, says Mr. Bock, but in his opinion it is a great field calling for earnest co-operation on the part of the creamery centers, the rural communities, the commercial organizations, and the people of the cities which hope to become centers for an industry with immense possibilities in it.

Besides being an expert in the business, Mr. Bock is a "live wire" and appreciates the fact that it is promotion work that must be relied upon to make North Carolina a great dairying State. The industry is new here, but he says it can be rapidly developed if everybody will take hold, since it is not a one-man undertaking. He explains that the people should understand that a creamery is a local industry intended not only to make money for the investors but for the community and the large rural section round about. It is an industry which ramifies in its general benefits to a section, and he declares his ability to make a big industry for Wilmington if the co-operative spirit here takes a hand in promoting the cattle industry.

The creamery expects to furnish a market for butter fat and milk from a territory within a radius of 200 miles of Wilmington. The railroads have offered to do their part in the way of giving shipping rates and handling the supplies from the shipping stations to the creamery. So now is the time for our live commercial organizations and bankers to begin the systematic work of promoting the dairy cattle and livestock industry that has proven such a great source of wealth in such states as Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. The farmers must be induced to keep pure bred dairy cattle and be instructed in the methods for their upkeep and care, together with the manner of getting the right kind of milk production that will add to the farm income.

With intelligent co-operation and promotion work, Mr. Bock says this can be developed into an ideal dairying section and that it can soon be made absolutely independent of any Western state so far as its butter supply is concerned. He declares that it is worth while for us to make our own butter and save freight hauls of from 600 to 1,000 miles. Besides the profits in the industry as an investment enterprise, one of its greatest benefits is the fertilizer value that livestock will be on the farms of Eastern North Carolina.

The Star has persistently pointed all this out heretofore, and now that both a creamery and a packing house are in sight, the promoters of the livestock industry hereabouts can get busy as soon as the new year begins. We ought to begin as soon as 1917 begins.

AN INJUSTICE TO NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS.

The Star yesterday carried an Associated Press dispatch which included a table showing the official vote by states cast for President Wilson and Mr. Hughes in the November election. The North Carolina vote was given as 168,383 for Wilson and 136,890 for Hughes, which allowed the President a majority of only 37,493. The figures should have been, for Wilson, 168,383; Hughes, 120,890, showing a majority of 47,493 for the President. The error was made in transmission of the figures over the wire.

In this year of Democratic gains, success and prosperity, The Star is, above all things, unwilling to permit an error to pass unnoticed when it would give North Carolina Republicans more than is due them and the Democrats less.

Oh, well, talk about "lasting peace" is premature till all the nations abandon their idea that it is up to them to dominate the sea and the earth and to organize huge antagonistic alliances. Such alliances plunge the whole world into war when any one nation of any alliance commits a fool act, to be immediately backed up by the allies bound to it in an alliance offensive and defensive. International alliances are war trusts. The world wants a peace trust like that headed by former President William Howard Taft.

A headline says: "Another North Carolinian Lands Good Federal Job". Of course, there's rejoicing, but the Raleigh Times, en passant, observes that "it's a poor job that some Tar Heel doesn't stick up with". Under the circumstances we never expect to say "pie counter" to the Republicans again, for it would only make 'em snicker.

CURRENT COMMENT.

In other words, the President would like to know whether this is a private war or whether anybody can get in.—New York World.

Wall Street is a little panicky over the prospects of peace. Wall Street, you may recall, is the place where they gave odds on Hughes.—Philadelphia North American.

Very naturally, the people of this community are encouraged over the prospects of getting the farm loan bank. We do not propose to shake hands with ourselves until final announcement is made, but it is a fact that a renewed degree of hopefulness and expectation is being experienced in this city by those who have put forth their efforts to get this valuable institution. Press dispatches would indicate that it has been practically determined to locate one of these banks here. It would be a suggestion of Charlotte's accessibility that will serve as an invaluable advertisement to the Queen City for many years to come.—Charlotte News.

The Legislature may as well make up its mind to be entertained by the women suffragists at the coming session. The 12 established chapters that have been engaged in active suffrage work in the State, have recently been re-enforced by a number of newly organized chapters in the smaller towns, and the women will approach the Legislature with greatly increased influence. The main thing they will ask for will be the submission to the people of an amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote In case they succeed, North Carolina will shortly be in the midst of one of the liveliest campaigns of the sort that has been known in any state. And what's more, the women will expect to carry the election.—Charlotte Observer.

The address of Mrs. Heath, president of the Housewives' League, at Ford's Opera House Thursday was not wholly a denunciation of high prices. It contained some very practical advice to her feminine hearers, and she wisely discriminated between conditions arising from economic and those due to speculative causes. The boycott in the latter case, as well as Government prosecution of illegal practices, may prove extremely effective, though neither can take the place of housewifely thrift. The value of this movement lies in the fact that it seems to be governed by common sense, not merely resentment, and that it is practically suggestive and mutually helpful. As a permenent organization it might exercise a valuable influence by stimulating study of household problems and by keeping all its members familiar with local market conditions. One of the points touched on at Thursday's meeting was the right of the purchaser to have goods sold for what they are. The customer has a right to know what she is buying, whether in eggs or in any other food product. If the Housewives' League will insist on this, and will keep a record of honest dealers in the markets and elsewhere, and encourage them by putting them on a sort of honor roll, it will remove one of the chief evils of the present situation. If we must pay high prices, we should at least receive first-class goods in return. —Baltimore Sun.

Between the prohibitionists and the farmers the Legislature is in for a busy time. Also, the women will give it a whirl. It is pretty well known what the prohibitionists will want. The farmers will be but little less extreme in their demands. First of all, they will want the merchants' crop lien system repealed, and in this they should meet with small opposition, if any at all. They will ask for a law making attendance at school compulsory and they will want vocational schools established. They will also move for a more just and equitable system of taxation, in which will be urged a lower rate on resident than absentee landlords. They will press for a more stringent anti-usury law and will advocate a State warehouse system after the plan adopted in South Carolina. The farmers further design to revamp the Torrens title law so as to bring it into popularity. They will ask for free school books and will want all corporation lawyers weeded out of the Legislature. Of course, the Farmers' Union will again make effort to have its pet scheme of segregation of the races in rural communities enacted, and will once more come to the rescue of the initiative and referendum. Whether the State is ready for these two measures remains to be seen, but we apprehend that the initiative and referendum is schedule to arrive some time in advance of segregation. In large part the legislation recommended by the Farmers' Union is based on common sense and is in line with the advancing demands of the country. The efforts in the direction of the improvement of social and educational interests of the rural communities are worthy the careful consideration of the Legislature, and that this will be accorded we have no doubt. The movement in behalf of vocational education seems surely to be one in the right direction, while there can be no negative debate on the proposition to abolish the crop lien system. At one time such a system served a purpose, but occasion for its further cumbrance of the statute books has passed.—Charlotte Observer.

London, Dec. 27.—A Vienna dispatch, forwarded by way of Amsterdam, says that Emperor Charles and Empress Zita, of Austria, left the Austrian capital today, accompanied by a large suite, for their coronation at Budapest.

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COUNCIL WILL CONFER TONIGHT ABOUT BILLS

Will Decide on What Local Legislation is Desired.

Nothing Effecting Taxes to be Considered, Says City Attorney—Mr. Skelding Says Tidewater Can't Get New Rails.

City Council will have a conference at the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing what local legislation is desired to be enacted at the approaching session of the General Assembly. No bills effecting local taxation will be considered, City Attorney Ruark stated at the regular weekly session of Council yesterday, but he did not indicate what other changes are desired.

The city attorney made a report of the work that has been done preparatory to the enactment of general legislation made necessary by the four amendments to the constitution which becomes effective January 10th. He expects a flood of local legislation during the first six days of the General Assembly and suggested that Council confer whether it is desired to have any local legislation enacted or to wait until after the general bills are passed and come in under the general provisions.

Going to New York.

At the conferences held in Raleigh, Mr. Ruark was appointed chairman of the committee to draft bills with reference to municipal government and finances. This committee has divided its work and Mr. Ruark and Col. John W. Hinsdale, city attorney for Raleigh, have been assigned the task of drafting a bill with reference to city finances. Mr. Ruark said yesterday they hoped to complete their labors this week and that they would then submit the bill to New York attorneys in order to get their opinion. They expect to go to New York next Saturday night. This will be done in order to prevent the holding up of loans because of defective legislation.

Mr. Ruark explained the steps that have been taken to draft a bill to establish a board of municipal control and providing the machinery for giving cities the opportunity to choose either the aldermanic, commission or managerial form of government. This bill while effecting some municipalities would make no change in the form of government for Wilmington, Mr. Ruark stated, but it will effect the question of incurring future indebtedness as those in charge of the bill feel that no bonds for public improvements should be issued for a longer period than the life of the improvements.

Mr. Ruark stated that whatever bills are prepared will be submitted to Representative L. Clayton Grant and Senator E. H. Cranmer for their approval and for their suggestions. Whatever is done will effect the entire State.

The city attorney explained further that from the investigations he had made, Wilmington seems to be better off than some of the other cities in the State.

Mr. Skelding Tells Story.

General Manager A. B. Skelding, of the Tidewater Power Company, told Council a story to illustrate his position with reference to the request that Johnson girder rails be provided for South Front street from Castle to Dawson, a distance of three blocks when the new brick paving is put down at an early date.

When one of England's magnificent war ships arrived at a West Indian port, said Mr. Skelding, the captain was very indignant because no salute was fired from the fort and demanded from the commander an explanation. This was furnished by the captain in short order. No less than 19 different reasons were given, the first of them being that that he had no powder.

Mr. Skelding said that he felt confident he could give a dozen reasons why the Johnson girder rail should not be used, the first being that he could not get them now. His company has had in an order for 500 tons of 60-pound rails for nearly a year and has been unable to get them. However, they do have enough standard rails to extend for a block and a half and he thought he could get enough to complete the three blocks within 60 days.

Councilman McCaig stated that his reason for desiring the girder rails was because much complaint had been made by automobilists because of conditions on Front street and he thought that the new rail would remedy this. Mr. Skelding thought that conditions complained of are due to defective paving and doubted if another rail could be used that would remedy them.

The question of rails to be used was left in the hands of Mr. Skelding, Mayor Moore and City Engineer Struthers. Council desires to get the work started as soon as possible and has already ordered the brick for the paving.

Council is Thanked.

Mr. Thos. H. Wright, manager of the Carolina Apartment house, appeared before Council to express his thanks for the use of the fire engine in heating the building when the boilers broke down Tuesday. The accident had been entirely unavoidable, he stated, and he did not know how he could have gotten along had it not been for the kindness of Councilman Bunting, Chief Schnibben and Engineer Jackson. Everything is now moving along smoothly, he stated, and he wished to express his very warm appreciation. Maj. W. N. Harriss, who lives at the apartments, expressed his personal appreciation for the assistance rendered.

Col. Walker Taylor, president of the local underwriters' association, declared that the management of the apartment house, which may be said to be an institution of the city, should be commended for their energy in dealing with the situation and suggested that the fire engine be kept in operation until the parts for the boiler, which have already been shipped, can be obtained. He thought that no charge should be made for the engine although, of course, the actual expenses for labor and material would be borne by the management of the Carolina.

Council upon motion of Councilman Jones adopted a resolution authorizing that the engine be continued in operation.

No Free Water Service.

Mr. John L. Galloway, president of the body of the W. L. I., appeared before Council to ask what disposition had been made for the request for free sewerage and water services for the

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PARCEL POST POSSIBILITIES

Postmaster Green Says Farmers Have Not Yet Waked Up to Possibilities of Marketing Their Produce.

Neither the consumer nor the farmer has as yet waked up to the possibilities of doing their marketing by parcel post, according to Postmaster H. McL. Green.

"The farmers haven't taken hold of the opportunities offered them," declared Mr. Green, "yet it is practicable for them to ship almost any sort of farm produce except live fowls or animals at fourth-class rates.

"The business in this connection has increased somewhat at the local office, but so far the shipments have been made largely from the producer to the marketman. We have handled by parcel post large shipments of eggs in crate lots, dressed fowls, crates of vegetables, peaches, apples, grapes and other perishable products. As a matter of fact, we have crates of eggs coming in practically every day or so."

Postmaster Green cited as a concrete instance of the cost of marketing eggs by mail, that of a Wilmingtonian who ordered a crate of ten dozen eggs shipped him from Mt. Airy. This man paid the producer in Mt. Airy 35 cents a dozen for the eggs and the parcel post charges on the consignment amount to 24 cents, the producer paying the cost of the crate or container. This man, who has only an ordinary sized family, place the whole lot in fresh salt, which he says will keep them in good condition until next spring.

It is interesting in this connection to note that a dozen eggs weigh from one to one and one-half pounds, yet people buy eggs by the dozen. That is, if the eggs are small, they get only one-third in weight and value what they do when the eggs are of the larger variety.

The rates on all kinds of farm produce, including eggs, by parcel post for the first and second zones is five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound up to 50 pounds. These zones include all territory within a radius of 150 miles of Wilmington. The rate for the third zone is six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound.

Taking into consideration the facts as outlined above, a Wilmington consumer who has devoted considerable thought to the possibilities of the parcel post as a means of reducing the cost of living, points out that if the farmer is willing to pay as much attention to the marketing of his crops as he is to producing them, he will be able to develop or build up a long list of regular customers by mail and thereby realize substantially greater profits or at any rate do away with the wasteful practice of running to town every time he has a dozen eggs or a pound of butter to sell.

One of the biggest difficulties in undertaking to build up a market, it is pointed out, is to find your customer. Parcel post marketing is contingent upon first getting your customer. That is a problem that the individual farmer will have to solve. Nobody else is going to do it for him. If after studying the matter over, and perhaps after making a trial, he decides is it too much bother, the public will be entitled to say to him, "If you are not willing to hustle for a better market than you now enjoy, don't kick about the returns you receive."

LIEUT. J. J. HUTSON IS TRANSFERRED TO SEMINOLE

Cutter's New Officer is Well Known Here, It Being His Wife's Home.

Lieut. J. J. Hutson, of the coast guard cutter Bear, now at San Francisco, has been transferred to the cutter Seminole, which is stationed at Wilmington, and will take up his duties on board this vessel on January 15th.

Lieutenant Hutson and Mrs. Hutson spent a part of the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Hutson's father, Prof. Washington Catlett, having received a 30-day furlough at the time of the notice of his transfer. Lieutenant and Mrs. Hutson are now spending the remainder of the furlough in Aiken, S. C., on a visit to Lieutenant Hutson's parents.

Lieutenant Hutson has been stationed on the cutter Bear for the past three years, and has seen active service in the Arctic waters while cruising on that vessel. The Bear has in addition to the ordinary duties of a coast guard vessel, the duty of looking after the government seals fisheries in those waters, and the prevention of poaching or the unlawful taking of these valuable fur-bearing animals. This is the same vessel to which Capt. Preston H. Ubarroth was recently transferred from the cutter Seminole.

NO MARKET FOR PEANUTS IN WILMINGTON THIS WEEK.

Surplus Brought Over From Last Week Causes Off Period in Sales.

There is no demand for peanuts in Wilmington this week, according to several wholesale dealers, who stated yesterday afternoon that they had all they could take care of for the present because of the heavy sales of last week. However, they stated that they would be in the market again next week and expected a fairly strong demand.

Many of the growers brought peanuts to market in order to get money for the holidays and this had the effect of furnishing an abundance of the peanuts so that the market practically became glutted.

While there are few, if any, peanuts being sold on the local market this week, if there were any bought, the following prices would be paid, according to J. S. Funchess & Co., who made the quotations yesterday: North Carolina handpicked, $1.15; North Carolina machine picked, $1.12; Virginia Jumbos, .75c; Virginia fancy handpicked, 65c; Spanish No. 1, $1.30; Spanish Jumbos, $1.25.

Ford Automobile Burned.

When Mr. John McIlhenny attempted to fill his Ford automobile with gasoline by the light of a lantern at 11th and Market streets last night at 9:30 o'clock, the oil became ignited and in a moment the machine was in a mass of flames. The fire department was called and the firemen extinguished the blaze, though not before the automobile was practically ruined.

—Jas Walker, colored, charged with non-support of his wife, Gertrude Walker, waived examination before Justice McGowan yesterday afternoon and was recognized for his appearance in the Recorder's court today. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., looked after the interest of the defendant while E. H. Bellamy, Esq., was attorney for the woman.

NEW RECTOR FORMALLY PRESENTED WITH KEYS

Rev. R. E. Gribbin Instituted Yesterday Morning at 10 O'Clock.

Bishop Thos. C. Darst Officiated and Rev. Dr. William H. Milton Preached Institution Sermon. Key Presented.

Rev. Robert Emmett Gribbin was formally instituted as priest and rector of St. John's Parish, with impressive ceremonies yesterday morning. Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of the Diocese of East North Carolina, officiated and Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of St. James' church, preached the sermon.

The services began promptly at 10 o'clock with the singing of "The Church is One Foundation," by the choir and congregation. Bishop Darst then read the beautiful and impressive institution service of the Episcopalian church during which Prof. Washington Catlett, senior warden of the parish, delivered into the hands of Mr. Gribbin the keys of the church.

In presenting the keys Mr. Catlett said: "In the name of and in behalf of St. John's Parish, I do receive and acknowledge you, Rev. R. E. Gribbin, as the priest and rector of same, and in token, therefore, give into your hands the keys of this church."

In accepting the keys, Mr. Gribbin replied: "I receive these keys of the house of God at your hands as the pledges of my institution, and of your parochial recognition, and promise to be a faithful shepherd over you, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

At the conclusion of the institution ceremony, Bishop Darst presented Mr. Gribbin with a Bible and a book of Common Prayer on behalf of the general and Diocesan Convention.

Congregation and clergy united in reading the 68th Psalm, and two prayers were offered for the minister and one for the congregation. Mr. Gribbin then knelt at the altar and received the blessing of the Bishop. The Institutional hymn was sung while kneeling.

Dr. Milton took his text from First John, 4:21, "And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God, love his brother also." The speaker brought out that previous to the writing of the New Testament that there were two meanings to the word love. The one was derived from the Greek word "eros" and meant a love of passion or worldly love, the other came from "philos" and meant a filial devotion.

Dr. Milton brought out the idea that the love existing between priest and parishioners could be compared with the love between man and wife and that a priest should not be loved for what he is, but for the possibilities that lay within his grasp. He intimated that both priest and parishioners should be patient with each other's short-comings. Dr. Milton made it clear that the love of God is exhibited in worship and the love of man in service.

Among the clergy present at the services were Bishop Darst, Archdeacon Thomas P. Noe, Dr. Milton, Rev. George F. Hill, assistant rector of St. James' church, and Rev. John B. Gibble, of Burlington, N. C.

At the conclusion of the services, the Holy Communion was observed. This was the first instance of the public institution of an Episcopalian minister that has taken place in Wilmington since the ordination of Bishop Darst two years ago. Coming as it did on the day of St. John's, it was particularly appropriate.

During the ceremonies yesterday morning, Senior Warden Washington Catlett and Junior Warden Thomas Darden stood at either side of the chancel.

RED MEN HAVE ELECTION.

Eyota Tribe Elects Officers for the Ensuing Year at Meeting.

At a recent meeting of Eyota Tribe, No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Sachem—E. G. Farrow.
Senior Sagamore—H. Hewett.
Junior Sagamore—B. A. Merritt.
Prophet—W. B. Savage.
C. of R.—F. K. J. Fuchs.
C. of W.—M. Jacobs.
K. of W.—E. P. H. Strunck.
G. of W.—R. Boswell.
G. of F.—D. Jones.
First Sanap—J. L. Bowen.
Second Sanap—S. Oliver.
Warriors—O. W. Styron, Jr., J. J. Rackley, A. B. Michaelis and M. von Oesen.
Braves—J. L. Barefoot, D. Boswell, C. F. George and H. T. Fergus.
Trustees—C. F. Strunck, J. R. Davis, and G. G. Smith.
Finance committee—E. G. Farrow, H. Hewett and B. A. Merritt.
Relief Chiefs—E. G. Farrow, H. Hewett, B. A. Merritt, W. B. Savage, J. L. Bowen, S. Oliver and O. W. Styron, Jr.

Preparations are now being made to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the organization of Eyota Tribe and the committee is busy arranging a suitable programme for this occasion. The personnel of the committee assures the success of the event and a most enjoyable occasion is promised.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MONROE

Will Not be Held Until Arrival of Husband From Border.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. W. P. Monroe, who died suddenly Tuesday night, will not be held until the arrival of her husband, Lieut. W. P. Monroe, from El Paso, Texas, where he is stationed as a member of the North Carolina National Guard. According to a telegram received from Lieutenant Monroe yesterday, he expects to reach Wilmington Sunday night.

AUTOMOBILE HITS BOY

Colored Youth Run Down by Mr. J. D. Bellamy Yesterday Afternoon.

Arthur Williams, a small colored boy, was run over by an automobile driven by Hon. John D. Bellamy at Front and Market streets shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He sustained some slight injuries about the head and body but is not thought to be seriously injured. He was given medical attention at once.

HAWAIIANS GREATLY PLEASE

Singers and Players Delight Big Audience at Academy of Music—Guitar Numbers Feature.

After Mr. Paaluhi, of Hawaii, had responded five times to encores following his presentation of a guitar solo as the next to the last of the 32 numbers on the programme of the Waikiki Hawaiian Singers and Players at the Academy of Music in Wilmington last night, the enthusiastic and prolonged applause of the unusually large audience was such as to indicate that it would have appreciated several more numbers from the same player, even though the hour was late. Mr. Paaluhi's work with the guitar thoroughly captivated the large audience that appeared to enjoy every number on the evening's programme.

The enthusiasm of the audience was such at the conclusion of the entertainment that there is no doubt that it would have been ready to extend a vote of thanks for those responsible for bringing the Hawaiian Singers and Players to Wilmington. The entertainment was in its nature a novelty. It was something different. It caught the crowd, and to say that the Hawaiian musicians made a hit here is not overstating the case by any means.

While the programme and the enthusiasm of the audience reached the climax in the guitar solo work of Mr. Paaluhi, it was not the only number that called for encores. The instrumental trio by Messrs. Vierra, Paaluhi and Kalani was a close second to the guitar solo, certainly so measured by the appreciation shown by the audience. Repeated encores were called for, as was the case when Mrs. Vierra presented "When Grandma Was a Girl," containing impersonations of several characters, as well as a vocal solo. The solo by Mr. Vierra, "Wiliwili Wai," and "My Honolulu Hula Girl," by Mr. Kamokena and company, greatly pleased the audience, encores being demanded in each case.

The elaborate programme of songs and instrumental selections included only four American numbers, the other dozen and a half being native Hawaiian songs and music, through all of which ran the wistful, plaintive strain characteristic of the musicians' little islands in the Pacific, all woven around love and romance. Notwithstanding the elaborateness and variety of the programme, that monotonous, wistful chord like the doleful sound of the zephyrs sweeping through a lonely forest of Southern pines, ran through it all, at least as a native American hears it. But there is something sweet and soothing about it that charms and stills and satisfies.

"Old Black Joe," "Tipperary," "Memphis Blues," and other encore numbers by Mr. Paaluhi "brought down the house."

Probably most of the audience had heard these familiar pieces before, but they never heard them played like the Hawaiian played them on the guitar in the peculiar manner of his native land. He is reputed to be about the best guitar player in Hawaii, and phonograph records of his playing are on sale—probably in Wilmington.

In a brief talk, Mr. G. W. Vierra, manager of the company, provided some hearty laughs in correcting a number of popular misconceptions of the political and physical geography and history of the Hawaiian islands. He stated that English is the language of the islands and has been for so long that many of the younger generation cannot even speak their mother tongue, which for a long time has not been taught in the schools.

The company is comprised of five persons, one lady and four men, and they use only stringed instruments, the guitar, mandolin, violin and the ukalele, which is a Hawaiian invention.

The entertainment was under the auspices of St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

FUNERAL OF MR. RIVENBARK HELD AT WILLARD YESTERDAY

Life of One of Pender's Worthy Citizens Filled With Noble Deeds.

In the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends, the funeral of Mr. R. T. Rivenbark, who passed away at his home at Willard on Tuesday, was conducted yesterday by Rev. S. B. Wilson, of Delway. The interment was with Masonic honors. Many beautiful floral designs attested the love and esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew him.

The close of Mr. Rivenbark's life was like the golden sunset of a perfect day. As a useful citizen in many phases of life as farmer, merchant and postmaster; as a patriot loyal to the Old North State; as a worthy member of King Solomon's lodge of Masons; as a devoted husband and father for over 50 years, he lived a full rich life.

Three months ago he lost his beloved wife whom he had married at the age of 21 and who in the long years of close companionship had grown more and more to be a part of his very soul. Since her death he had only waited for the longed for reunion. His Christmas Day was filled to the brim with assurances of love while he gathered around his last Christmas tree.

Mr. Rivenbark was born June 20, 1840, near Willard, in Pender county. On February 21, 1861, he married Miss Penelope E. Southerland, who died September 25, 1916. He was a life-long member of the Baptist church, first of Mt. Holly and later a charter member of Willard Baptist church and the senior deacon.

The surviving children are: Mrs. T. J. Joyner, of Lakeland, Fla.; Mrs. T. G. Covington, of Clio, S. C.; Mrs. C. D. McGowan, of Willard; Messrs. J. W. and R. J. Rivenbark, of Jacksonville, Fla.; D. J. Rivenbark, of Clio, S. C.; C. C. Rivenbark, of Willard. Two passed away years before their father.

All the children gathered around the father's Christmas tree. One, Mr. R. J. Rivenbark, was returning to his usual duties when stopped by the message of death and returned just in time to attend the funeral.

Respected Colored Man Dead.

John Wesley Custon, a highly respected colored man, died at his home, No. 519 North Seventh street, yesterday morning. He was widely known, having conducted a barber shop for white men on North Fourth street for more than 30 years. The funeral will take place at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All friends are invited to attend.

—An old-fashioned country dance will be given at the residence of Mr. Coley Reynolds at Seagate tonight beginning at 8 o'clock. Square dances will be a feature. A three-piece orchestra will furnish the music.

ANNOUNCING

Our Next Regular Interest Quarter

January 2nd

Your Deposit, made with this bank on or before the above date will have the advantage of drawing Interest from the New Year —the first of January—and will receive credit for a full quarter's interest three months from date. Begin the New Year and success with the "People's."

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J. L. WILLIAMS, ... Cashier
W. HULL MOORE, ... Assistant Cashier
J. G. THORNTON, ... Teller

SENT OVER WITHOUT BOND

Solomon Smith Will Have to Face Trial in Superior Court on Charge of Burglary.

Solomon Smith, colored, will face trial at the January term of Superior Court on a charge of first degree burglary. Probable cause was found against the negro yesterday by Recorder Harriss and he was committed to jail without bond to await trial in the higher court.

The store of Mr. M. B. Rivenbark at Third and Brunswick streets, the second floor of which is used as a residence, was entered on the night of December 23rd and a lot of knives, several old coins and a coat stolen. About 2:30 o'clock on the same night, Smith was seen entering his home in Haynes alley by Policemen Leon George and W. R. Applebury, according to their testimony yesterday, and soon afterwards they searched the place and found the articles, they said, which were identified by Mr. Rivenbark as being his property.

The negro did not go on the stand in his own behalf yesterday nor did he have counsel though he took steps after he learned the seriousness of the charge resting against him, to secure the services of a lawyer. First degree burglary is a capital offense in this State.

The indiscriminate swearing out of warrants is not a profitable pastime as Lizzie Waddell, colored, who drew 60 days on the county farm yesterday in the Recorder's court, can testify. Lizzie in an angry moment swore out warrants, charging Reefer Hawkins, colored, with assault with a deadly weapon and Ben Grady, also colored, with assault on a female. Recorder Harriss pronounced both prosecutions to be frivolous and malicious and forthwith taxed the prosecutrix with the costs.

Nathanial Russ, colored, paid $20 and the costs for being disorderly. B. W. Strange was taxed with the costs for violating the automobile ordinance while the case against C. D. Murphy, charged with failure to pay hack fare, was continued.

TO HAVE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Interesting Event for Saturday and Monday Will Be Open To All.

There will be a tennis tournament open to all comers on Saturday and Monday. The event will be held on local courts, probably at the Robert Strange playgrounds. An entrance fee of one dollar will be required and will be payable at the Cape Fear Hardware Company. The entire sum collected will be devoted to the purchase of suitable prizes. The fee will permit entry in both singles and doubles.

Masimo Was Defeated.

Toney Massimo, the Italian middleweight champion, who is to wrestle with Con Albright at Woolvin Hall Friday night, was defeated in Charlotte Christmas night two out of three falls by Pink Gardner, a local man. The Italian won the first fall but Gardner proved too much for him in the other two.

Masonic Temple, Dec. 28th, 1916.
WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 819, A. F. & A. M.

Emergent communication this (Thursday) evening at 7:45 o'clock P. M., for work in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

All members are urged to attend. Visiting brothers are invited to meet with us.

By order of the Master.

J. F. CLOWE, Secretary.

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Select that Path which has proven valuable and successful to others, and Deposit your Funds, your Savings or your Surplus Income, in the New Holiday Savings Fund, which opens on December 27th, 1916, where they will earn at the maturity of the account 4 per cent interest.

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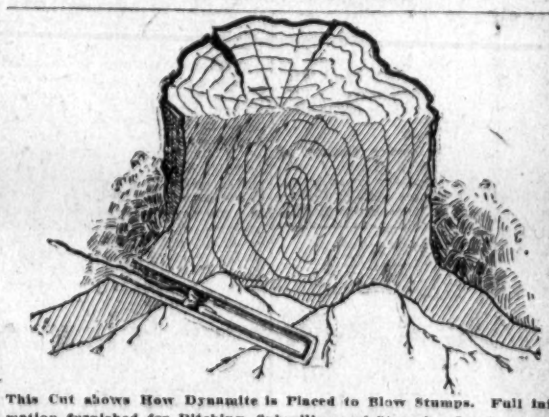

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ELVINGTON'S

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. R. S. Fetzer, of Raleigh, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

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Mr. Silas Sheetz is spending the holidays with relatives in Fayetteville.

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Miss Virginia Farmer is visiting her aunt in Jacksonville, Fla., this week.

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Misses Hattie Mae and Mabel Cohen, of New Bern, are visiting Mrs. Marx S. Nathan.

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Dr. S. A. Nathan, of New Bern, is visiting his parents, Nr. 113 South Seventh street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Scott, who have been visiting Mrs. Scott's mother, have returned to Norfolk, Va.

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Mr. Bennie Lane, of Charleston, S. C., is spending the holidays at his old home.

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Mr. David Jacobi, cadet at Bingham's Military School, Asheville, is spending the holidays at home.

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Mrs. J. P. Fearington, of Winston-Salem, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Croom, Jr., at Carolina Heights.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. W. White, who have been spending their honeymoon in Florida, have returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Branch are spending the holidaoys in Richmond and Charlotte.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pleasants, of Florida are visitors in Wilmington during the holidays.

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Mrs. A. T. Butler is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Pridgen, No. 1507 North Fourth street.

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Miss Rose Barry Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., is spending the Christmas holidays with Miss Margaret Ruth Campbell.

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Mr. J. Knox Powers has returned to the city after spending the holidays at his old home in Bennettsville, S. C.

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Mr. Marion Keith has returned from Wake Forest to spend the holidays with his parents at Caledonia, near Currie.

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Mrs. Clarence A. Smith, Jr., of High Point, is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Keith, at Caledonia, near Currie.

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Miss Charlotte Pigott, of New Bern, is spending some time here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Clarence L. Myers, at her home at Greenfield Terrace.

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Dr. Edward Green, the dentist, returned home yesterday from Norfolk, Va., where he spent several days with relatives.

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Mr. W. C. Peterson, Jr., medical student at the University of Virginia, who has been home spending the holidays, has returned to the University.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Glover and little daughter, who spent the holidays with relatives in Fayetteville, have returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whelpley and their friend, Mr. H. Gusack, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Whelpley's mother, Mrs. J. A. Booker, at Audubon.

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Miss Beatrice Donkle, of Jacksonville, Fla., who has been spending the holidays with Mrs. H. F. Wilder, has returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. John H. Carter, of Warsaw were Wilmington visitors yesterday. They were registered at the Orton.

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Mr. N. E. Bunting returned to the city yesterday after spending part of the Christmas holidays in Fayetteville with his son, Mr. Wm. McD. Bunting, and other relatives.

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Mr. Frank Boykin, who has been spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. D. F. Boykin, has returned to Hopewell, Va., where he has a position with the Dupont Powder Company.

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Miss Nancy P. McKibben, head of the vocal department of the Flora Macdonald college at Red Springs, arrived in the city yesterday to spend several days.

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The Christian Endeavor Society of Immanuel Presbyterian church will hold its regular business meeting on Friday night. A junior society will be organized and new officers elected for the year. All members are urged to attend.

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Misses Kate and Julia Faison have gone to Columbia, S. C., where they will spend the remainder of the holidays with their cousin, Mrs. James Black.

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Mr. Wm. McD. Bunting, cadet at Donaldson Military School, Fayetteville, arrived home yesterday to spend the remainder of the holidays with his father, Mr. N. E. Bunting.

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Mr. I. W. Murphy, who with Mrs. Murphy has been visiting the latter's brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Covington, will return to his home in Greensboro today. Mrs. Murphey will not return for several days yet.

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Mr. M. W. Mendenhall, of Fort Mill, S. C., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Vance Bounds, No. 308 Grace street. Mr. Mendenhall was stationed at Wilmington for several months during the War Between the States, and has visited the city only once since that time.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson, of Haverford, Pa., and Master Hugh McLean Wilson, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's father, Postmaster H. McL. Green, of this city. Mr. Wilson is headmaster of the Haverford School, one of the leading preparatory schools for boys in Pennsylvania.

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A moving picture entitled "Joseph and His Brethren" will be shown at the Victoria theatre for the benefit of the Orphans' Home at Salem, Va., by the Luther League of St. Paul's Lutheran church on Friday, December 29. The public is urged to co-operate with the League in the work they have undertaken. Tickets have been placed on sale at Polvogt's.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McCracken and their two children stopped over in Raleigh for a short time yesterday on their way from Orange county to their new home in Wilmington. They stopped over in Sanford last night, the guests of Dr. F. W. McCracken."

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "W. E. Lawson, business manager of the Wilmington Dispatch, was here yesterday afternoon on his return to Wilmington from a brief visit to relatives in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Lawson, who accompanied him to Winston-Salem, will remain there with relatives for some time."

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The primary department of the Sunday school of Fifth Avenue Methodist church will have a Christmas party this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the Boys' Brigade armory. All the children of the department and their mothers are invited to attend. The children are asked to bring a donation for the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh.

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GIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT CATHERINE KENNEDY HOME

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church gave an entertainment yesterday afternoon at the Catherine Kennedy Home for the benefit of the aged ladies who make their home in this institution. Following the entertainment Christmas gifts were presented to the inmates of the home.

The very attractive programme which was carried out, included a recitation by Miss Rachel Pearsall, a solo by Mrs. Geo. S. Boylan and an entertaining reading by Mrs. Eugene Fillyaw. Miss Katie Foard was the accompanist for the soloist.

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MR. AND MRS. JONES ENTERTAINED YOUNGSTERS WITH CHRISTMAS TR

A large number of Wilmington children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones at their country home, Airlie-on-the-Sound, yesterday afternoon. An enormous Christmas tree was filled with many bounties for the little folks, and proved a source of great delight to the youngsters. The tree was electrically lighted, and presented a handsome appearance. This is an annual event in the juvenile circles of the city. The youngsters went down on a special car at 2 o'clock, returning late in the afternoon.

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Wallace, N. C., Dec. 27.—A quiet home wedding was solemnized last evening at the home of the bride, when Miss Lillian, daughter of Mr. E. S. Carr, became the bride of Mr. Bland Wallace. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. P. M. Currie, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in the presence of relatives and a few invited friends. The bride came in on the arm of the groom and the vows were made before an improvised altar. Immediately after the ceremony the couple drove to the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. M. B. Pope. After a visit to Mr. Wallace's parents near Chinquapin, they will make Wallace their home.

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WANANISH HAD ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

Wananish, N. C., Dec. 27.—Miss Agnes Council gave a delightful dance at the Waccamaw club on Christmas night in honor of her house guest, Miss Frances Summerell, of China Grove, N. C. A number of young people were present. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. J. P. Council.

Mr. J. Clarence Powell, of Raleigh, is spending the holidays with his parents here.———Messrs. Knox, James and Russell Council are here for the holidays.———Mr. Northsworthy, of Wilmington, is spending a few days with Mr. George Council.———Mr. Edwin Pate, of Bolton, was here Sunday.———Mr. Eric Norden, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Council.———Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dempsey, of Boardman, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Dempsey's parents.———Mr. Will McGwigan entertained a party of friends Monday afternoon on his launch, Whynot.

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FAYETTEVILLE GIRL BRIDE OF YOUNG MAN OF LATTA, S. C.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 27.—A pretty Christmas marriage was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Holmes, east of the Cape Fear Monday morning at 11 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Ellen Stewart Holmes, became the bride of James M. Carson, Jr., of Latta, S. C. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few intimate friends and the members of the bride's immediate family, by Rev. Mr. Green, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Latta. The bride's only attendant was her maid of honor and sister, Miss Rebecca Holmes, who wore blue charmeuse and carried carnations. The bride was attired in a tailor-made suit of dark brown velour, and carried bride roses. The groom was attended by his brother, Robert C. Carson, of Concord, Va. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Mr. Ballard.

The house was attractively decorated in Christmas greens.

A salad course was served immediately following the ceremony, after which the the bride and groom came to Fayetteville to take a train for Concord, Va., where they will visit Mr. Carson's parents. After the first of the year they will be at home at Latta.

The bride is a cultured and attractive girl. She is an honor graduate of the Fayetteville High School. Mr. Carson is a jeweler in Latta.

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FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL HAD CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church held their annual Christmas entertainment in the Sunday school auditorium of the church last night. Many visitors were present and enjoyed a delightful programme given by the members of the school, as follows:

Song, "Joy to the World."
Address of Welcome, Lloyd Moore, Jr.
Song, "Away in a Manger."
Recitation, "How Christmas Came," Josephine Roberts.
Solo, Margaret Beal.
Recitation, "Jesus' Birthday," Ernest Beal.
Recitation, "Like Merry Birds We Come," several girls.
Song, "Let the Laurels Twine," Juniors.
Recitation, Louise Fonvielle.
Solo, Kathleen Green.
Recitation, "Gifts of Flowers," several girls.
Recitation, "Jimmie's Christmas," by Jesse Burke.
Recitation, "The Dream Star," Gladys Fickling.
"Remember the Poor," Junior boys.

The programme was concluded with the arrival of Santa Claus, impersonated by Mr. L. W. Moore, who received donations for the Thomasville Orphanage, and distributed gifts for the members.

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LA MARJ CLUB MAKES ITS BOW TO CLINTON SOCIETY

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 27.—On Tuesday evening, December 26th, the La Marj Club made its bow to Clinton society when the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Smith was thrown open to its friends and holiday guests.

The spacious hall and entire lower floor of this lovely home were beautiful with holly, bamboo, poinsettas and cut flowers, while the guests passing to and fro under the festooned chandeliers breathed an atmosphere laden with Christmas cheer.

Soon each and every guest was presented with a most mysteriously attractive package and told to write his or her partner a note of thanks before the box was opened. Then a time of wildest guessing followed until at length each note was read and the contents of the boxes disclosed. The incongruities arising therefrom and the sentiments attached to each gift brought forth much laughter. Miss Sudie Landon was declared to be the wittiest writer of notes and was presented a box of Huyler's by Mr. Seddon Goode in a speech which with its eloquence hushed for a moment the gay chattering of the crowd. To Mr. Jack Robinson was given another Huyler box, the apeparance of which did but belie the contents for hidden snugly away in many wrappings of tissue paper was found a huge stick of peppermint. Miss Landon most graciously gave the prize to Miss Rebecca Herring.

A most delicious salad course was then served soon after which the guests bade the members of the La Marj good night and wished them a New Year stored with good things.

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MISS RUTH STOLTER BRIDE OF DR. ELLIS L. EDWARDS

A quiet home wedding was solemnized last evening at 5:45 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hintze, No. 207 South Eighth street, when Mrs. Hintze's sister, Miss Ruth Stolter, became the bride of Dr. Ellis L. Edwards, of Morganton. The impressive double ring ceremony of the Lutheran church was performed by Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church in the presence of relatives and a few invited friends.

The home had been attractively decorated for the occasion with Southern smilax and potted flowers. The vows were said before an improvised altar which was banked with evergreens.

While the guests were arriving for the wedding Mrs. E. Schulken played a number of selections on the piano. As the bridal party entered for the ceremony, Mr. Frederick Hintze, nephew of the bride, played the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin.

Miss Fannie Stolter, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. She was dressed in white charmeuse and carried a bouquet of pink rose buds. Master William Hintze, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. John H. Hintze, was dressed in a traveling suit of navy blue cloth and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies-of-the-valley. The groom was accompanied by his best man, Prof. M. S. Giles, of Glen Alpine, N. C.

Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was held after which Dr. and Mrs. Edwards went to the union station to board the 6:45 train for their bridal tour which will include visits to Baltimore, New York and other points in the North. They will be at home to friends at Morganton after January 15th.

The groom is a prominent young dentist of Morganton and has a host of friends. The bride is a charming young woman, who is very popular with all who know her and has a wide circle of acquaintances in this city and elsewhere.

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MISS AGNES BORKENHAGEN WEDS MR. C. GEORGE AMBROSIANO

A beautiful wedding was solemnized in the Winter Park Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon, at 5:30 o'clock, when Miss Agnes Borkenhagen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. L. Borkenhagen, of Winter Park, became the bride of Mr. C. George Ambrosiano, of Wilmington. Rev. Andrew J. Howell officiated.

The church was beautifully decorated with smilax and holly, the old ivory and mahogany colorings of the interior lending a pleasing effect as a background. Quite a number of friends were in attendance.

The bride was gowned in a handsome going-away suit of brown velvet trimmed with gray fur. She was attended by Miss Alberta Smith as maid of honor. Miss Smith wore an attractive gown of pink crepe de chine and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The groom was attended by Mr. William Gwinn, of Winter Park as best man. The ushers were Messrs. Frank Reece and Major Dukes. Little Miss Irene Pigford was the ring bearer.

The bride is an attractive and popular young woman of the community, and has many friends in both Wilmington and Winter Park. The groom is a successful young business man of this city, being connected with the tailoring firm of Munson & Co. He is a native of Italy, but has resided in America for the past nine years.

The couple left on the 6:45 train last night for a two weeks trip to Washington and other Northern cities.

A delightful pre-nuptial reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. L. Borkenhagen at Winter Park Tuesday afternoon. The home was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being pink and white. A delightful refreshment course was served.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE OF L'ARIOSA GERMAN CLUB.

The annual Christmas dance of L'Ariosa German Club at the Boys' Brigade armory last evening was one of the most enjoyable social events of the season in Wilmington and the most successful held by this well known social organization in several years.

The large and spacious hall was beautifully decorated in patriotic colors, the red, white and blue of the numerous American flags being most attractively blended with evergreens. The stage of the auditorium, occupied by Grainger's orchestra, which furnished the music for the occasion, was banked with ferns and flags were intertwined, making a pretty background for the merry crowd of dancers. The musicians received encore after encore as they played the latest dancing selections.

An especially enjoyable feature was the music furnished during the midnight intermission by the Kaikiki Hawaiian Singers and Players, who gave such a splendid concert at the Academy of Music earlier in the evening. A delicious luncheon was served during the intermission.

Dr. Douglas Taylor skilfully led the dancing which began at 9 o'clock and continued until early morning. Those dancing were: Miss Mary N. Darden with Mr. R. D. Cronly, Jr.; Miss Mannie Parsley with Mr. G. S. LeGrand; Miss Sarah Wall with Mr. R. W. Cantwell; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cronly; Miss Janet Menzies with Mr. George E. Kidder; Miss May Carmichael with Mr Stanley Schalm; Miss Kate Northrop with Mr. J. D. Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Marion S. Harriss; Miss Athalia Bunting with Mr. Robert D. Cronly, 2nd; Miss Jennie Gilchrist with Mr. Jno. Franklin Smith; Miss Helen Bolles with Mr. Theodore James; Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Robertson; Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Williamson; Miss Mary K. Bellamy with Mr. A. F. Perry; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Wright; Miss Carolyn Holmes with Mr. R. L. Henley; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Grainger; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Metts; Miss Katherine Elliott with Mr. Emmett Bellamy; Miss Atha Hicks with Mr. R. W. Hicks, Jr., of Philadelphia; Miss Florence Taylor with Mr. Louis Cotchett; Miss Agnes MacRae with Mr. Charles Bidgood; Miss Carrie Myers with Mr. John R. Murchison; Miss Mary Giles Bellamy with Mr. Walker Taylor, Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Moore; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skelding; Miss Madeline DeRossett with Mr. R. A. Williams; Miss Jennie Murchison with Mr. Raymond Hunt; Mrs. Freeman with Mr. Hugh MacRae; Miss Mary Wright Taylor with Mr. W. H. Sprunt, Jr.; Miss Gladys Taylor with Mr. H. P. West; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Calder; Dr. and Mrs. Thos. M. Green; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thorpe; Miss Ruth Smith with Mr. John Laurence Wright; Miss Louise Worth with Mr. H. C. Rorison; Miss Sue Northrop with Mr. T. W. Strange; Mr. and Mrs. Mason Garber; Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hooper; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Grainger, Jr.

Stags—Messrs. Louis Poisson, B. O'Neil, Homer Day, Gray Hicks, Henry Warwick, Julian Morton, J. N. Jacobs, of Raleigh; John Dennen Corbett, Armand L. DeRossett, J. C. Rorison.

Patronesses—Mesdames Hugh MacRae, J. V. Grainger, Sr., W. B. Thorpe, Charles Bidgood, John D. Bellamy, Theodore Empie and William Latimer.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Hugh V. Hines, who has been visiting his brother, Mr. E. C. Hines, has returned to Norfolk, Va.

—Mr. H. F. Brown, of Point Caswell, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Messrs. George McConnell and Charles Jones have returned from a very pleasant visit to friends in the Western part of the State.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were W. R. Crawford, Raleigh; C. H. Cothran, Dixon; W. B. Fort, Pikeville; A. L. Woods, W. L. Kyle, Greensboro.

—Among the arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were R. P. Gibson, Concord; W. C. Via, Wadesboro; M. G. Putnam, Fort Caswell; Tom Edwards, Kinston; M. W. Hart, Rocky Mount.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: W. E. Powell and wife to W. F. Jones, property on Glenn street, consideration $100; H. A. Burr, Jr., to Liston Larkins, property near Greenville station, for $100 and other considerations; Dixie Land & Development Company to A. E. Munn, property in Masonboro township, for $10 and other considerations.

Savannah, Ga., December 27. — With delegates from all over the country present, the eighth biennial national convention of the Pi Kappa fraternity opened here today. The convention will close Friday.

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200 Cases Jumbo Okra and Tomatoes.
200 Cases Day and Night Canned Corn.
100 Cases Humpty-Dumpty Canned Corn.
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON ADVANCES SHARPLY

Day More Than $7.00 a Bale Over Last Week's Low Level—Net Gain of 47 to 57 Points.

New York, Dec. 27.—The cotton market showed increased activity and strength today, particularly in the late trading when May sold up to 17.89, or 51 points above last night's close and $7.20 per bale above the low level of last week. That delivery closed at 17.88 with the general list closing firm at a net advance of 47 to 57 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of 7 to 16 points in response to higher Liverpool cables. Talk of a better tone in the cotton goods market was accomplished by bullish predictions of an increased spot demand from domestic spinners after the first of the year. The early offerings were soon absorbed and the market developed greater firmness during the afternoon. October was relatively firm on buying by trade interests with foreign connections and active months sold about 44 to 59 points net higher before the close. This advance carried March up to 17.60; July to 17.92, and October to 16.35, and the close was within a point or two of the best. A few additional January notices were issued but quickly taken, and the strength of the near position served to stimulate covering by shorts in later deliveries.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	16.80	17.28	16.80	17.27
March	17.18	17.60	17.10	17.59
May	17.50	17.89	17.39	17.88
July	17.53	17.92	17.45	17.91
October	15.87	16.38	15.87	16.35

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 17.35; no sales.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 17.25; receipts, 8,662; sales, 306; stock, 493,604.

Galveston—Middling, 17.50; receipts, 13,073; exports, 18,395; sales, 410; stock, 366,895.

Mobile—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 1,127; stock, 20,375.

Savannah—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 3,637; stock, 208,989.

Charleston—Receipts, 303; stock, 70,644.

Wilmington—Receipts, 65; stock, 50,817.

Norfolk — Middling, 16.88; receipts, 1,231; sales, 225; stock, 113,194.

Baltimore—Stock, 6,229.

Boston—Middling, 16.90; receipts, 499; stock, 8,900.

Philadelphia — Middling, 17.60; receipts, 20; stock, 1,149.

New York—Middling, 17.35; receipts, 943; exports, 1,435; stock, 194,943.

Minor Ports—Stock, 51,259.

Atlanta (Semi Weekly)—Stock, 86,603.

Total today — Receipts, 29,560; exports, 19,830; stock, 1,536,693.

Total for week—Receipts, 95,407; exports, 66,176.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,832,575; exports, 3,049,051.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 17.20; receipts, 7,918; shipments, 5,226; sales, 423; stock, 250,904.

Memphis—Receipts, 6,577; shipments, 2,586; stock, 322,144.

Augusta — Middling, 17.50; receipts, 1,341; stock, 153,574.

St. Louis — Receipts, 10,799; shipments, 10,400; stock, 33,173.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,400; shipments, 843; stock, 33,931.

Little Rock—Middling, 17.25; receipts, 1,334; shipments, 334; sales, 334; stock, 55,280.

Dallas—Middling, 16.30.

Montgomery—Middling, 17.25.

Total today—Receipts, 29,599; shipments, 19,719; stock, 869,006.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Displays Much Strength—Gains of 51 to 53 Points.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—A decided show of strength was made by cotton on this market today, prices late in the session being more than half a cent a pound over yesterday's close. Moderate but insistent buying on a small market put prices up. Offerings were slender from the start and the market apparently was oversold. Covering by recent short sellers added to the demand.

The opening was at the advance in sympathy with better cables than due. Liverpool was a buyer on this side during the morning and from a rise of 11 to 17 points around the opening, the gain at noon was widened to 24 to 28 points. Pressure to buy was stronger in the afternoon and at the highest the active months were 52 to 55 points up. The close was steady at a net rise of 51 to 53 points. Favorable spot accounts came in from many sections of the belt, indicating that little cotton was being sold at current quotations. Closing bid:

Jan. 16.77; March 17.19; May 17.44; July 17.64; Oct. 15.95.

Spot cotton quiet and unchanged; sales on the spot 206; to arrive 100; middle 17.25.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27. — After starting a shade higher, with cotton, the market for cotton seed oil turned easy under scattered liquidation occasioned by dullness in trade circles and lack of outside support. Final prices were 6 to 11 points net lower. The bulk of the day's business was in the way of switching. Sales, 22,100 barrels. Closed easier. Spot and December, 12.40 bid; January, 12.20@12.25; February, 12.12@12.20; March, 12.09@12.12; April, 12.10@12.12; May, 12.10@12.14; June, 12.12@12.18; July, 12.16@12.17.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 27. — Beeves, steady. Steers, 7.00@10.25; bulls, 5.00@8.00; cows, 3.75@7.00.

Calves—Steady. Veals, 10.00@15.00; culls, 8.00@9.50; barn yard calves, 5.50@6.50; yearlings, 5.00@5.50; western steers, 8.00@8.75; mixed, 9.87½.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, 6.00@8.50; culls, 4.00@5.25; lambs, 11.00@13.87½.

Hogs—Steady. Light to heavy, 10.25@10.85; rough, 9.25.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Cotton goods and yarns were irregular and generally quiet today. In men's wear lines, openings attracted many buyers, especially on overcoating. Net goods ware firm and inactive.

WHEAT PRICES GO UPWARD

Estimates of Heavy Export Sales Bring About Sharp Advances—Gains of 3 to 6⅞ Cents a Bushel.

Chicago, Dec. 27. — Estimates that export sales in the last 24 hours had reached an aggregate of 2,000,000 bushels or more brought about sharp advances today in the wheat market here. Closing prices, although unsettled, were 3 to 6⅞c. net higher, with May at 1.73¼ to 1.73⅝, and July at 1.41¼ to 1.41⅝. Corn showed a net gain of ½ to 1⅝c. and oats off ½ to ⅝@⅞. In provisions, the outcome varied from 15 decline to a rise of 5 cents. Close:

Wheat—May, 1.73¼; July, 1.41⅛.

Corn—May, 93¼; July, 92⅝.

Oats—May, 53⅝; July, 51.

Pork—January, 27.25; May, 26.80.

Lard—January, 15.82; May, 16.00.

Ribs—January, 13.90; May, 14.32.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, No. 2 and No. 3, hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 3, yellow, 92@92½; No. 4, yellow, 88@90; No. 4, white, 89@91½.

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

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Str. Kiel (Ger.), 3,873 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—51c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.60-11c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 52c.; rosin, $5.35 and $5.20; tar, $2.10-8½c.; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin 2

Tar 36

Crude Turpentine 10

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 4 casks; rosin, 14 barrels; tar, 56 barrels; crude turpentine, 4 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—16⅞c.; same day last year, 11⅝c.

Receipts—65 bales; same day last year, 137.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 73,494 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 134,322 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 27, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—65 bales cotton; 2 barrels rosin; 36 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—65 bales cotton; 2 barrels rosin; 36 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 27.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c. to 70c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green, salt, 13c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 20c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 27. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy handpicked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.30; Jumbos, $1.25 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 27. — Spanish, Farmers' stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3½c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 27. — Hogs, weak, at 10c. above yesterday's average. Bulk, 10.10@10.70; rough, 10.10@10.25; pigs, 7.50@9.35.

Cattle—Firm. Native beef cattle, 7.20@11.80; Western steers, 7.25@10.00; stockers, 5.20@8.15; cows and heifers, 4.20@10.00; calves, 8.50@12.25

Sheep—Strong. Wethers, 9.10@10.25; ewes, 6.40@9.75; lambs, 11.25@13.50; the highest on record.

CLYDE LINER NOT HEARD FROM FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

Four Cutters to Begin Search for the Steamer Ozama.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Four coast guard cutters will begin a search tomorrow for the new Clyde Line steamer Ozama which has not been reported since she left Portland, Me., for New York last Thursday afternoon. The Ozama was recently completed at Detroit, Mich. She has a crew of 25 and it is feared that she has been disabled in a storm.

STOCKS UNDER PRESSURE

Mexican Situation Contributed to Reactionary Tendencies—However, There Were Numerous Gains.

New York, Dec. 27.—Trading in securities today embraced a large number of issues with greatest uniformity of tone. European conditions seemed to exart little direct influence, but Mexican affairs contributed to the reactionary tendencies of some stocks.

Absence of public inquiry, except in some of the investment stocks, tended greatly to curtail quotations. There were intervals of absolute apathy, with occasional bear attacks upon the more volatile specialties, particularly motors and allied issues. Mercantile Marines hardened visibly on circumstantial reports that England's proposed control over shipping would not necessarily imply any change in the probable dividend action of the company. Other shipping stocks were strong, Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies adding, at its best quotation, 4 1-4 points to yesterday's substantial gain. Industrials were in fair demand, U. S. Steel making a gross advance of 1 3-4 with 2 to 4 points in others of the same class. Equipments and metals also averaged 1 to 3 points with sugars, papers and the usual less representative specialties. Papers were favorably influenced by the increase in dividend on international paper preferred.

Rails were neglected during the forenoon, but strengthened later. Union Pacific, New York Central, Southern Railway and Rock Island leading that division. Prices receded very generally towards the close.

There was a further shading of foreign bonds, the Anglo-French 5s and Paris 6s being distinctly heavy. Total sales, par value, $3,245,000.

United States bonds unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	28
American Beet Sugar	90¾
American Can	47⅝
American Car and Foundry	66
American Cotton Oil	49
American Locomotive	78¼
American Smelting	104¾
American Sugar	108⅝
American Tel. and Tel	125
American Tobacco	217
American Zinc	37½
Anaconda Copper	82⅜
Atchison	104¾
Atlantic Coast Line	B.118
Baldwin Locomotive	60
Baltimore and Ohio	84⅛
Bethlehem Steel	505
Canadian Pacific	167
Central Leather	86⅛
Chesapeake and Ohio	65½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	91⅝
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	35
Colorado Fuel and Iron	45¼
Consolidated Gas	131⅝
Corn Products	23⅛
Crucible Steel	62⅝
Cuba Cane Sugar	51⅝
Erie	34⅝
General Electric	167¾
Great Northern, pfd	118
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	36½
Goodrich	60
Illinois Central	106½
Inspiration Copper	58⅜
Int. Mer. Marine, Pfd	86⅜
International Nickel	42
International Paper	48½
Kansas City Southern	26⅜
Kennecott Copper	45⅝
Lehigh Valley	80
Louisville and Nashville	B.132
Liggett and Meyers	B.285
Lorillard Co	B.222
Maxwell Motors	47⅛
Mexican Petroleum	95
National Lead	60
New York Central	105¼
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	53⅛
Norfolk and Western	136¼
Northern Pacific	110¼
Pennsylvania	56⅝
Ray Consolidated Copper	26⅛
Reading	104
Rep. Iron and Steel	78⅛
Seaboard Air Line	17⅝
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	37½
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	63½
Studebaker Corporation	109¼
Southern Pacific	97⅞
Southern Railway	32⅜
Southern Railway, pfd	70¼
Tennessee Copper	16¼
Texas Co	221¾
Union Pacific	148
United Fruit	B.150
United States Rubber	64
United States Steel	107¾
United States Steel, Pfd	119¾
Utah Copper	102½
Virginia-Caro. Chem	43
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	30¼
Western Union	96⅞
Westinghouse Electric	56⅛
Mo. Pac., w. i.	34¼

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 27. — Cotton, spot, firm; good middling, 10.47; middling, 10.37; low middling, 10.21. Sales, 5,000; 300 for speculation and export. Receipts, 35,000. Futures, irregular.

December, 10.17; December-January, 10.16; January-February, 10.17; February-March, 10.24; March-April, 10.32; April-May, 10.38; May-June, 10.45; June-July, 10.45; July-August, 10.45; August-September, 10.20; September-October, 9.92; October-November, 9.81; November-December, 9.78; December-January, 9.69.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27. — Mercantile paper, 4@4¼; sterling, sixty day bills, 4.71½; commercial sixty day bills on banks, 4.71¼; commercial sixty day bills, 4.71; cables, 4.76 7-16; demand, 4.75⅝. Bar silver, 75⅜; Mexicandollars, 58¼. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, easier; sixty and ninety days and six months, 4 per cent. Call money, steady; ruling rate, 3.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 27. — Turpentine, steady, 51½; sales, 291; receipts, 360; shipments, none; stock, 22,978.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 1,201; receipts, 2,914; shipments, 273; stock, 95,528; quote: A, B, C, D, E, 6.10; F, G, 6.12½@6.15; H, 6.15@6.17½; I, 6.15@6.20; K, 6.30; M, 6.45; N, 6.55; W G, 7.00@7.05; W W, 7.25.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 27. — Sugar—Raw, steady; centrifugal, 5.05; molasses, 9.21; refined, dull.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio No. 7s, 9¾; Santos, No. 4s, 10¾.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 28, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 62 degrees; at 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum, 70 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees; mean, 53 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .01 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.12 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., Tuesday, 4.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina — Local rains Thursday; colder west portion; Friday, fair, colder.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 28, 1916.

Sun rises ..... 7:17 A. M.

Sun sets ..... 5:11 P. M.

Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	12:42	12:00	7:29	8:04
Southport	10:32	10:59	4:20	5:01
Masonboro Inl.	10:21	10:48	4:00	4:41

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 27, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Temperature: Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	54	36	.0
Asheville	cldy	46	36	.02
Atlanta	rain	48	36	.02
Augusta	cldy	58	42	.0
Baltimore	cldy	38	—	.20
Birmingh.	cldy	62	50	.40
Boston	cldy	38	20	.08
Charleston	cldy	72	56	.04
Charlotte	cldy	48	36	.06
Chicago	clear	28	28	.08
Galveston	rain	68	46	.02
Jacksonv.	cldy	76	60	.0
Memphis	cldy	58	54	1.34
Mobile	pt cldy	68	62	.02
Montgom'y.	rain	72	54	.06
New Orl.	cldy	78	72	.02
New York	cldy	40	22	.28
Oklahoma	clear	38	26	.0
Palestine	cldy	58	56	.0
Pittsburg	rain	56	38	.56
Raleigh	cldy	54	28	.02
Savannah	rain	66	54	.06
Shreveport	cldy	60	56	.22
St. Louis	clear	36	32	.02
Washing'n	cldy	40	32	.10

COUNCIL WILL CONFER TONIGHT ABOUT BILLS

(Continued from Page Five).

armory and was informed by Councilman McCaig that the finance committee had decided to deny the request. Mayor Moore said that he had hoped that the request would be granted and asked what was the pleasure of Council. Mr. McCaig stated that the city is already furnishing free service for the hospital and also for the city and he felt that this was as far as it could go. No action was taken by Council.

Council McCaig asked for authority to pay off $40,000 worth of bonds, which were issued for the paving of Market street. These bonds are for 6 per cent. and do not expire until December of 1918 but Mr. McCaig stated that the city now has money in the bank sufficient to pay them off, which is bringing but 4 per cent. He figured that the city could take this money, which has been set aside for refunding bonds, and pay off the indebtedness, thus saving the city $266.97. He was authorized to go ahead.

Council appropriated $50 to be used on the playground of the Williston Industrial school for colored children.

Council McCaig stated that a note for $50,000 becomes due on January 1st and as taxes are coming slowly it would be necessary to renew it. Council authorized the borrowing of $50,000 for three months at 4 1-4 per cent. to pay off this note.

JUDGE SYKES BEING COACHED.

Getting Ready to Assume Duties of Assistant Attorney General.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—Judge R. H. Sykes, of Durham, is here being coached in the duties of the office of assistant attorney general. He will serve under Judge J. S. Manning.

Governor Craig commissions James K. Norfleet as a member of the Forsythe county highway commission to succeed Jas. A. Gray, Jr., elected State senator.

$350,000 HOTEL FOR CITY OF GREENSBORO ASSURED

Necessary Amount of Stock Subscription is Secured.

(Special Star Telegram).

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 27—Necessary amount of stock subscription to assure a $350,000 hotel for Greensboro was secured this evening at a meeting of citizens. Work will be commenced at an early date. The building will be on the Wright property north of the city hall.

"CENSOR" SHIPPING NEWS

Movements of British Vessels to and From Boston Not to be Revealed.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—News of movements of British vessels to and from this port will be withheld by agents of the various lines as a result of an order received today from their head offices at Liverpool. All sailing lists have been destroyed and newspaper advertising of expected sailings have been withdrawn.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 8:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:20 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 8:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center," for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center," for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center," for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	19:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.

Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE — This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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S. S. Chippewa...Tuesday, January 2nd
S. S. Cherokee...Saturday, January 13

Wilmington to New York

S. S. Chippewa...Monday, December 25
S. S. Chippewa...Saturday, January 6th

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The Progressive Railway of the South.

Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON:

No. 13—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M., for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Cincinnati	$27.95
Columbia	$8.05
Fayetteville	$3.75
Florence	$4.75
Fort Myers	$33.15
Jacksonville	$10.80
Memphis	$34.85
Miami	$37.50
Nashville	$27.75
New Bern	$3.90
New Orleans	$37.65
Norfolk	$9.95
Raleigh	$5.65
Richmond	$10.15
Rocky Mount	$5.35
St. Augustine	$21.65
St. Louis	$37.10
St. Petersburg	$20.10
Savannah	$12.75
Sumter	$6.35
Tampa	$29.10
Washington	$15.75

And proportionate excursion fares to nearly every point in the southeast. Tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited returning until January 10, 1917.

$22.45—Tampa, Fla.

Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATLANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South."

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railway of the South.

Bulletin of Special Round-Trip Rates

CARL BRYANT, CUMBERLAND COUNTY OUTLAW, CAPTURED.

Negro Who Shot and Killed Deputy Sheriff Dees Now in Prison.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 27.—Carl Bryant, the negro who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff F. J. Dees, of this county, on November 20, was captured by a posse in a swamp near Aberdeen this morning and was brought here this afternoon. Bryant, according to the story reaching here, had been gambling and drinking with some other negroes at Aberdeen. He was seen by Conductor E. J. Bethune, who runs between Fayetteville and Aberdeen on the Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad, and identified by him as the man for whom the Governor of North Carolina and the Cumberland county commissioners had offered a $300 reward. This morning a posse of Aberdeen and Moore county officials went after the negro, being joined by others until the party numbered 50 or more. Bryant was chased into a swamp and surrounded. He was held at bay an hour before he came out and gave himself up. He had a few buckshot in him when captured, though the wounds are not serious.

Bryant killed Deputy Sheriff Dees when the latter went alone at midnight to a house in Seventy-First township to arrest him on a warrant charging him with disturbing a religious service. While pretending to dress he drew a revolver from his clothes and shot the officer.

Following the murder Bryant was outlawed by three magistrates, while the county of Cumberland and the State of North Carolina had each placed a price of $150 on his head.

EVANS TO TEACH BATTING "FORM" TO CHICAGO NATIONALS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Charles ("Chick") Evans, Jr., national amateur and open golf champion, is going to teach batting "form", to members of the Chicago National League club. Evans today accepted the invitation of Charles H. Weghman, president of the club, to make the spring training trip to Pasadena, California.

President Weghman believes that Evans will be able to improve the batting of every player on the team.

"There is form in the driving of a golf ball," he said, "but there is none in driving a baseball. Applying the form of golf to baseball was responsible for the wonderful driving power of Frank Schulte and Heine Zimmerman. It may be argued that Schulte knew nothing about golf, but he unconsciously used the same swing."

Evans' amateur standing will not be affected, it was explained, as he will not receive any money for his services.

STEAMER MARYLAND HAD NOT BEEN FOUND LAST NIGHT

Cutter Still Searching Ship Which Was Reported Sinking.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27. — The steamer Maryland, which reported Christmas night that she was sinking, had not been found at a late hour tonight, according to a message received from the coast guard cutter Gresham. The message said that the Gresham was still engaged in a search for the vessel. It was believed that if any of the maryland's boats had succeeded in getting away from the steamer they would have drifted westward in the path of trans-Atlantic steamers.

OSCAR STRAUS ACCEPTS.

Will Direct Preparations for Southern Commercial Congress Convention.

New York, December 27. — Announcement was made tonight that Oscar S. Straus, chairman of the public service commission of this city, had accepted the chairmanship of the New York committee to direct the preparations for the ninth annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress to be held here October 15 to 17, next.

An exposition of the Raw materials and manufactured products of the South will be held here simultaneously with the session of the congress, it was announced.

LIBEL SUIT FOR $100,000

Filed by British Steamer Telena Against the Liner Powhatan.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 27. — E. D. Goff, master of the British steamer Telena, representing the owners, today filed in the United States district court a libel suit against the Merchants & Miners' liner Powhatan, for $100,000 damages. The suit is the result of the recent collision between the Telena and Powhatan in Chesapeake Bay, in which the latter was sunk and the former badly damaged. Captain Goff alleges that the Powhatan was responsible for the collision, by crossing the Telena's signals, and continuing on her course at fil speed ahead.

MANUSCRIPT NEARLY COMPLETE

For Manual of the Legislature, by Historical Commission.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—Secretary R. D. W. Connor, of the State Historical Commission, has well nigh completed the preparation of the manuscript for the manual of the Legislature that the commission always issues that includes brief biographical sketches of the Legislators, the organization of the Senate and the House and statistical and other facts concerning the various departments of the State. Most of the manuscript for the book is already in the hands of the printers.

New York, Dec. 27.—Several hundred men identified with circuses and tent shows held a banquet here tonight preparatory to a meeting tomorrow at which they expect to organize "the outdoor showmen of the world, owners and managers." The men came from all parts of the country.

Savannah, Ga., December 27. — Net operating revenue of the Central of Georgia Railway Company for the five months ending November 30, 1916, was $2,289,529.31, compared with $1,663,188.22 for the same period in 1915, according to a statement issued by the comptroller of the road here today.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—An analysis on crime conditions in Chicago just completed by Thomas M. Kilbride, secretary of the state board of pardons, shows that there is a hold-up every six hours, a murder every second day, two suicides a day and an arrest every seven and a half minutes.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect. Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness nor ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 25c.

BRINCKEN DREW LESS SALARY THAN SMITH, HIS SUBORDINATE

German Consulate Attache at San Francisco Cross Examined.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 27.—Cross examination of Lieut. G. W. von Brincken, German consulate attache on trial with Consul General Franz Bopp and five others for conspiracy to dynamite Entente munitions shipments in 1915, brought out today that von Brincken received but $150 a month from the consulate, although Louis J. Smith, whom the defense claims was von Brincken's subordinate, received from $250 to $300.

Smith previously testified he was paid by the consulate to blow up trains, tunnels and ships on Puget Sound and in Canada. The defendant consul general and aides have insisted Smith was merely an investigator for them.

Von Brincken denied that he conspired with J. H. van Koolbergen, an absentee defendant, to blow up shipments to the Entente Allies and divide the reward. Von Koolbergen is at present in Canada.

PACKAGES CONTAINING "CIGAR BOMBS" SENT THROUGH MAILS

Postmasters Throughout Country Are Warned to be on the Watch For Them

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—A warning to "watch for tubuclar packages containing cigar bombs" was sent tonight to postmasters through the United States by local postal authorities who say they have learned that 25 of the explosive cigars were mailed December 22 at Goffs, Cal.

The local postal authorities began their investigation of the sending of cigar bombs through the mails after John D. Bennett, of Brawley, Cal., was seriously injured when one he was smoking exploded in his face, December 24. He had received it through the mails.

DEALERS GIVE OVERWEIGHT.

Asheville Coal Sellers Liberal Since a Weighmaster Was Appointed.

Asheville, N. C., December 27. — Coal wagon drivers were again quietly rounded up by the police yesterday and politely invited to drive their loads to the city scales with a result that was astonishing to the bluecoats. Every load weighed, according to unofficial reports, was overweight, and the city officials now have another argument in favor of a weighmaster. Some of the loads were only ten pounds or so over the required weight, it is claimed, and others were as much as a hundred pounds too heavy. The official figures were held secret until Commissioner of Safety Hiden Ramsey can prepare a statement to make to the board of commissioners, but the unofficial figures are said to be correct. The last time coal wagons were weighed, every wagon weighed was short from 35 to 150 pounds.

WORK SPLENDIDLY DONE

Col. Bates of the 71st New York Infantry Gives Praise to the Y. M. C. A.

In a letter to William Sloane, chairman of the Army and Navy Department Committee, Col. Wm. G. Bates, of the 71st New York infantry, wrote these words of praise:

"It happens that I am colonel of the 71st infantry and as such had an opportunity to witness the work of the Y. M. C. A at McAllen, Texas. It was splendidly done in every way. The secretary having it in charge was right on the job all the time and as soon as a site was assigned him he at once made his contracts, got his building up very quickly, and with the facilities at his command (which never seemed to run out) made the men more comfortable and contented. The room was usually filled at all hours when the men were off duty.

"I welcomed the work in every way and cannot speak too highly of the manner in which it was performed."

ENGLAND WANTS TO FLOAT ANOTHER LOAN IN AMERICA?

Bankers Learn of Efforts to Discourage Gold Shipments From This Country

New York, Dec. 27.—Bankers here heard tonight that cable instructions had been sent out by A. Bonar-Law, British chancellor of the exchequer, in conjunction with Bank of England officials, to all British branch banks and banking agencies in this city directing them to discourage further shipments of goal to the Argentine republic and in general all gold shipments from the United States to any country.

The main reason for this is regarded here as being the desire of the British government to keep the New York money market as easy as possible to enable it more successfully to float a new British loan in the United States.

REQUIRE MORE CARGO SPACE.

British Ships Will Turn Over 85 Per Cent to Government.

New York, Dec. 27.—Lieut. Conner Guthrie, representing the British admiralty here, summoned freight managers of the British steamship companies to a conference and told them that beginning January 1, the British government would require 85 per cent of the cargo space on their ships. Forty-seven and nine-tenths per cent is to be reserved for war munitions and the remaining 37.1 per cent for wheat.

During the greater part of this year the British government has reserved 60 per cent of the space on the vessels flying its flag.

ARREDONDO RECALLED?

Rumored That He Will Leave for Mexico City This Week.

Washington, Dec. 27.—There was a well defined rumor here tonight that Eliseo Arredondo, who was accredited as Mexican representative to the United States about a year ago, but who never had been given official recognition as ambassador by this government, has been recalled by General Carranza and will start for Mexico City this week, leaving the embassy in charge of an assistant. The report lacked official confirmation, however.

The Observer's belief that when President Wilson dispatched his significant note to each of the belligerent nations asking that they define their views as to what would constitute a basis for a conference looking to the establishment of peace he had information in which the public was not permitted to share accounts for the optimism this paper has felt since the text of these notes was made public. This optimism is strengthened by the following-up by the German government, not for an indefinite, but for an immediate peace conference. Perhaps at this conference Germany, herself, may make a proposition that will astonish the world.—Charlotte Observer.

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TO OUTLINE FIRST CHIEF'S ATTITUDE

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Villa started his attack on Chihuahua City.

It is not believed here that Villa has any direct tactical connection with the operations reported from the eastern military zone, near San Luis Potosi, Tampico and Monterey, but General Carrera Torres and the Cedilla brothers are said to be operating in that section under the Villa banner.

The occupation of San Luis Potosi by the Villa forces Monday was reaffirmed today by men known to be close to Villa, but was denied by Carranza Consul Soriano Bravo, who said a message had been received today at Laredo, Texas, from San Luis Potosi.

OBREGON MAY TAKE COMMAND OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST VILLA

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—General Obregon, who hastily returned to this city from Queretaro after a conference with General Carranza last night, is expected to leave for the north tonight.

Although official announcement has not yet been made, it is believed that he will take comamnd of troops operating against Villa. It is also rumored that General Pablo Gonzales may go north as military commander.

GEN. LUIS HERRERA KILLED IN BATTLE AT TORREON

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 27.—Mayor Melchor Herrera received a message today from Mexico City telling him that his brother, General Luis Herrera, was killed in action at the battle of Torreon.

General Herrera was a miner at Parral when the Madero revolution started. With his brother, MacLovio Herrera, he joined the movement. Both brothers were wounded at the battle of Santa Rosalia. They next joined the Villa forces against Huerta, but later quit Villa and allied themselves with Carranza. MacLovio, who was promoted to a general, was accidentally killed during the campaign against Villa, and his brother, Luis, was made commander at Parral. Luis recently evacuated that town, went to Tepehuanes, Durango and from there to Torreon, where he met his death.

CLASH BETWEEN REBELS AND CARRANZISTAS REPORTED

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 27.—Carranza troops clashed with revolutionists today near Lajarita, about 30 miles south of Nuevo Laredo, acording to reliable reports. No word officially could be obtained concerning the engagements.

Military authorities in Neuvo Laredo tonight said they were in direct telegraph communication with San Luis Potosi and that there was no truth in recently published reports that the city had fallen into Villa's hands.

VILLA OBTAINED FORCED LOAN OF 100,000 PESOS

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27. — Villa obtained a forced loan of 100,000 pesos from residents of Torreon, after the recent capture of that town, a Mexican from Torreon reported today. There was no looting, he said.

New York, Dec. 27.—Frank Damont Roberson, lecturer and explorer, died last night at Denver, it became known here tonight. Mr. Roberson was born in New York in 1871. He had been around the globe four times and had made 30 visits to Europe.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The sessions of the annual meetings of the Geological Society of America, the Paleontological Society and the Association of American State Geologists here today were devoted to the reading of technical papers. The annual dinner of the organization was held tonight.

RUSSIAN PRESS TAKES A MORE SERIOUS VIEW

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view the possibility of intervention on its own merits.

The Bourse Gazette, which expresses the belief that the suggestion of President Wilson was not a casual act of the American government, but the result of organized efforts of the neutral powers which are already equivalent to a neutral league with a united aim, says:

"The picture is now quite changed. The affair is taking a serious turn. The union of neutral governments in an effort to secure a general and lasting peace opens up quite a new combination of world interests and the part played by the neutrals will have a tendency to lay the basis for a stable world peace."

The newspaper concludes, however, that peace cannot be secured "by the neutrals and their typewriters," but it must arise out of the sacrifices and labors of the fighting nations.

"All the neutrals together," says the Bourse Gazette, "cannot guarantee a world peace because they are not military powers and when the Germans again show their teeth they will be able to add nothing by good wishes and typewriting to convince German psychology."

BULGARIA HAS REPLIED TO THE NOTE FROM SWITZERLAND

London, Dec. 28. — A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam quotes a Sofia dispatch as saying that Bulgaria has replied to Switzerland's note concerning peace in a tone identical with that of the other Teutonic allies. The reply to President Wilson's note has been delayed because, for technical reasons, the American representative in Sofia has not yet communicated the note to the Bulgarian government.

The correspondent adds that a dispatch from Vienna is to the effect that Austria-Hungary also has replied to the Swiss note.

SAYS GERMANY IGNORED THE MAIN POINT OF WILSON'S NOTE

London, Dec. 28.—The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial today on Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note, says:

"The point on which most stress is laid in President Wilson's note is entirely ignored in the German reply. • • • For all its studied politeness there is implied therein the rejection in advance of any offer of mediation by America."

WRITERS IN ROME DECLARE GERMANY'S NOTE EVASIVE

Rome, via Paris, Dec. 27.—The answer of the Central Powers to President Wilson's peace proposal is declared by the editorial writers to be evasive, especially as regards the President's chief request that the belligerents state their terms of peace. Some of the newspapers express the opinion that the present opportunity should not be allowed to pass, as it may lead to some satisfactory form of negotiations. All of them, however, are agreed that the Entente Allies can only conclude peace on terms which will preclude the possibility of future wars.

SEVEN RAILROADS FINED.

Chicago, December 27. — Seven railroads were fined $3,700 by Federal Judge Carpenter today for working employees more than eight hours. The roads were the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific; Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; the Grand Trunk; the Pere Marquette; the Burlington, and the Chicago and Northwestern.